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Wreckage and fuel on the water

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak shakes hands with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu as they meet at the presidential

PM, Mubarak agree peace process will continue

STEVE RODAN

DETERMINED to avert an Arab-Israeli crisis, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and President Hosni Muharak agreed yesterday that the peace process would continue, with Israeli implementation of agreements with the Palestinians and negotiations based on the Madrid confer-

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ence formula_ "I could tell you that I am very relaxed,* Mubarak said after his meeting with Netanyahu. "I understand his conceptions and I have great hope that the peace process will continue."

hours. Aides said they discussed

Israeli negotiations with the Palestinians and Syria, bilateral issues, and regional affairs such as terrorism and economic development. Mubarak and Netanyahu were then each joined by an aide who took notes, and later they met their delegations for lunch.

Both Egyptian and Israeli officials praised the meeting, and said each side appreciated the other's practical approach to issues. Israeli officials said the success of the talks cleared the way for contacts between the Likud-led government and other Arab states,

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RESCUERS pulled more than 100 burned bodies from the waters off Long Island yester-day, as an FBI anti-terrorism team investigated what caused a TWA Boeing 747 to explode over the Atlantic shortly after takeoff Wednesday night. All 228 people aboard were apparently killed.

President Bill Clinton and Attorney-General Janet Reno warned against jumping to conclusions about what caused the plane to crash. But Congressman Charles Schumer of New York said the FBI told him there were two possibilities: "Either that there was a bomb, or an engine exploded and set a fuel tank on fire." Such an explosion and fire, however, has never happened on a 747, Schumer said.

Robert Francis, the National Transportation Safety Board's vice chairman, said there is no evidence the crash was not an accident, though he added, "That's where we start in every case like this.'

Francis said he had no information about a report that one of the plane's two "black boxes" had

been recovered. A law enforcement official said that based on eyewitness accounts from Air National Guard pilots, the FBI told him it is "leaning more toward the possibility that it was a bomb that caused the plane

to explode." They are still investigating all other possibilities," he added. White House spokesman Mike McCurry said there had been "a

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burned for hours, as helicopters Flight 800, a 25-year-old hovered. A C-130 transport plane circled, dropping parachute flares to illuminate the scene. Boeing 747 bound for Paris's Charles de Gaulle Airport from Kennedy Airport, exploded about 8:45 p.m. and plunged into the ocean off Fire Island, a narrow goggles to help spot bodies.

daybreak. By 8 a.m., rescuers had pulled more than 100 bodies from the water, some of them burned beyond recognition.

C and an air temperature of 23 C. officials estimated that survival would not be possible much beyond late yesterday morning. Among those booked on the flight was a group of 16 students

Overnight, rescuers used infrared Fresh crews were brought in at

US Coast Guard officers unload bodies from a patrol boat at the Moriches Coast Guard Station yesterday following the crash of

With a water temperature of 18

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One Israeli victim identified

HAIM SHAPIRO and Itim

AN Israeli victim of the TWA plane explosion was identified last night as 29-year-old Gadi Notis of Ra'anana.

Notis, who worked for a New York investment house, took the flight to Paris with several other investors to close a deal there. Yesterday morning, his parents became concerned when they did not hear of his arrival. His colleagues contacted a Paris hotel where he was to stay, and were told he had not arrived. Notis's name was not found in a check of passenger lists on all other flights to Paris.

Ya'acov Notis said by late yesterday afternoon he had received no official word from TWA that Gadi was among the passengers. He contacted TWA in Israel and the US, and the Foreign Ministry, and then foreign television and correspondents in an attempt to get verification. The Notis's said their calls were constantly transferred throughout the day.

Finally at 7 p.m., the Foreign Ministry officially informed them that

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Weizman pardons two Palestinian women

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yesterday he has io pardon two Palestinian a prisoners, who would be sed next week. The nouncement came in a letter sent to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

At the same time, Weizman shortened the sentences of four Jews convicted of murdering

The women are serving long jail terms for involvement in killing

The previous government had promised Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat that all 36 Palestinian women prisoners would be freed.

However, Weizman then refused 10 pardon the two women - Anam Jabari, sentenced to 12 years as a minor for murdering a yeshiva student in Jerusalem's Sacher Park eight years ago, and Mai Aljesin, who stabbed a yeshiva (Continued on Page 20)

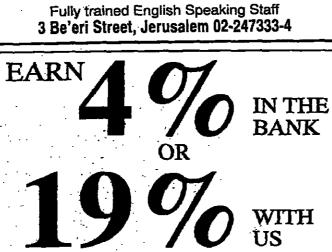
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Germans identify MIAs' remains IDF details easing of closure

BEIRUT (AP) - German security officials yesterday positively identified the skeletons of Israeli soldiers Rahamim Alsheikh and Yosef Fink and agreement was reached on a list of Hizbullah prisoners to be exchanged for the remains of the two soldiers killed in Lebanon a decade ago, government sources reported.

They said German mediator Bernd Schmidbauer was due to travel from Damascus to Beirut today to set the operation

Interior Minister Michel Murr.

The German team, including a coroner and a forensic expert, arrived in Beirut aboard a chartered jetliner Wednesday as Schmidbauer was negotiating in Damascus final details of the swap with representatives of Hizbullah and Lebanese and Syrian officials.

The dispute over the numbers of Moslems to be exchanged remains unresolved, the Lebanese sources said. But they said they expect Schmidbauer to obtain final figures

when he travels to Jerusalem to deliver the findings of the forensic examination.

Hizbullah says it wants Israel to hand back the remains of some 100 gunmen killed in south Lebanon over the past 10 years in addition to the 200 prisoners, most of whom are held in the village of Khiam in the security zone.

Yesterday, IDF troops continued to exhume bodies of Hizbullah dead. Dozens of bodies have been removed from the cemetery at Kibbutz Gadot on the banks of the Jordan River.

THE IDF last night detailed steps

to ease the five-month-old closure of the territories, announcing that 10,000 more Palestinian laborers would be allowed into Israel and other moves aimed at enhancing the dire economic sit-

uation there. The announcement followed Minister Binyamin Prime Netanyahu's visit to Cairo, where he said Israel had planned to lift

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some restrictions that have kept tens of thousands of Palestinian workers from jobs in Israel.

According to the IDF, another 10,000 laborers - over 29 and married - are to be added to the 25,000 already permitted to work in Israel.

Another 500 laborers are to be allowed in to the Erez industrial

zone, provided they are at least 25 and married, the army said. It added that 350 more entry permits are also to be handed out to merchants and that 250 medical personnel are to be allowed to enter Israel.

An additional 10 ambulances are to be allowed to cross into Israel, and the IDF plans to ease the movement of micks from the

Crash victims' relatives put on hold

MARILYN HENRY **NEW YORK**

ON a picture-perfect summer day, recovery teams used hooks, hands, and fishing nets to pull corpses and body parts from the Atlantic Ocean off Long Island.

Debris from the horror of the night before, when TWA Flight 800 appeared to explode in the air before plunging into the ocean, was scattered over 25 square

Some of it was still smoldering 18 hours later, as it bobbed gently in the water and brilliantly reflected the sunlight. Teams led by the US Coast Guard continued the search throughout the day for the remains of the 228 passengers and crew aboard the Paris-bound

Sometime around midday, the name of the mission subtly changed from "rescue" to "recovery." in a tacit acknowledgement

that there were no survivors. Sections of the beach near the summer resort area of the Hamptons, on the southeastern end of the island, were cordoned off, in the event bodies and debris wash in with the tide. The identities of the passengers were not released, pending notification of relatives. Television networks fielded calls from families look-

ing for information. David O'Brien was distraught that he could not get news about his son. He called numerous govemment agencies, then the airport police. Then he called a television station. "I gave them reports on what my son was wearing," O'Brien told one interviewer. He could not reach anyone at TWA. "I was on hold for two-and-a-half

hours," he said. After visiting the relatives of 35 passengers and crew members. New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani called TWA management "abysmal and horrible." The families were filled with questions about the crash, the mayor said early yesterday, but, "We can't find anyone to communicate

"TWA's middle- and uppermanagement have been working nonstop since notification of this incident and we want to be responsive as long as we can," TWA spokesman John McDonald said at corporate headquarters in St. Louis. "Therefore, we are rotating people to make sure there are people available to deal with the passengers and families

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Netanyahu, Mubarak discuss interests, not ideology

'Egyptian president believes what PM says'

FOR Israeli officials, the meeting of Binyamin Netanyahu and Hosni Mubarak resembled the fable of the rabbi and the poor

The poor woman complained to the rabbi that her home was cramped. The rabbi ordered the woman to stuff all her animals and belongings inside her house. Then, just when she was about to burst into tears, the rabbi told her

to take everything outside. The relief the woman felt, officials said, was similar to that Mubarak experienced when he met Netanyahu.

"Mubarak was relieved because the Arab world was thinking and saying that Netanyahu would stop everything," a government source said. "That was the main con-

Officials said Mubarak learned otherwise on Wednesday, when the prime minister's senior foreign policy adviser, Dore Gold, to Cairo and met with Mubarak's adviser, Osama Baz. The two men worked on an agenda for the talks and Gold outlined Netanyahu's positions on the Middle East negotiations.

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"It took a lot of preparatory work," an aide to the prime minister said. "It's not like you come into Cairo and talk over a cup of

Mubarak's other concern was Netanyahu's style. Unlike many Arab leaders, Mubarak eschews flowery language and demands straight talk. The Egyptian president was worried that he was going to get a lecture from the prime minister that would echo those heard from previous Likud heads of government.

But Mubarak's approach suited Netanyahu just fine. "The talk wasn't over ideology, but over interests," an Israeli official said. "With ideology, you can't bridge anything. But with interests you can find points of common

Aides to Netanyahu insist the prime minister did not give anything away in his one-on-one session with Mubarak. Netanyahu assured the Egyptian president that the issues concerning the IDF

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redeployment in Hebron are being resolved and Mubarak had some suggestions of his own. The Israeli leader assured his Egyptian counterpart that his government would enter final status talks with the Palestinians.

The positions didn't change after the visit," an aide said. "But Mubarak now believes what

Netanyahu says." Officials hope the meeting would lead to progress in Israel's efforts to establish relations with the Arab world. Foreign Minister David Levy is planning to meet Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat next week.

That will be followed by a visit by Netanyahu to Amman to meet with Jordan's King Hussein. At the same time, Foreign Ministry officials will try to renew efforts to establish diplomatic missions in the Gulf and Maghreb states, particularly Qatar.

"Until now, none of the Arab countries has cancelled any agreement but since the elections everything has been put on hold," an official said. "We see that as an achievement in itself. With meetings with the Palestinians and Egyptians under our belt, we hope things will improve."

Mubarak meets the press

STEVE RODAN / CAIRO

EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak appeared tired and tense at the news conference that followed his long talk with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday morning.
That was before hinch.
Then Mubarak wanted another

crack at the media. This time, it would be just him and Israelbased reporters. He sent Netanyahn off in a military helicopter on a high-flying tour of the pyramids, then entered the room full of waiting reporters and shook everybody's hand.

He wanted to discard English and the television cameras. "If you're in Israel, you should speak Arabic," he said. "If you want the cameras, I will speak guardedly. If you don't have them, I can be

The reporters agreed to a bit of both, and Mubarak fielded questions from reporters skeptical that he had found a common language with Netanyahu, whom Cairo newspapers are calling "Hitler."

Mubarak, who will visit. Washington later this month, acknowledged that he, too, had been skeptical. "I personally heard his speeches in the Knesset and Congress and his press conference," he said. "I couldn't understand how we could proceed forward. Were those views he was

presenting definitely going to happen or did have have another con-

"When I met him today. I had a clear picture of what could happen, a clear picture of the peace process. It relaxed the whole country, public opinion mainly. You have to be very careful of public opinion. You have to be very careful of what you say to

"You can give a speech in the US. You can address the Congress. This may not be satisfactory to the Arabs. So you have to be very careful with the Arabs." Mubarak said Netanyahu's political affiliation has no bearing on his expectations. "I have big hopes," he said. "We had a peace with the Likud. [The reurn of] Taba was with Labor, and we will end with the Likud. I don't deal with the parties. I deal with the

State of Israel." He said he shares Netanyahu's concern about terrorism. But he suggested that he has a different approach. While the Israelis want to organize a regional battle against terrorism now, Egypt wants to exploit the peace process to battle violence and instability.

"We have to understand that comprehensive peace will achieve victory over terrorism and vio-



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The Swiss Ambassacior to Israel, M. Pierre Monod, accompanied by his wife, Ninette, on his first official visit since presenting his credentials last week, joined Mr. Marcel Hess, a member of the Canton Parliament of Basle, on a tour of Netanya's Laniado Hospital where Mr. Hess has Initiated a fund for the long-awaited Orthopedic / Trauma Unit.

Pictured from right to left: The Ambassador M. Monod, Dr. Meir Weissbrod,



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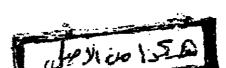
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Suissa accused of violating Har Homa ban

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INTERIOR Minister Eli Suissa allegedly violated a court ban on holding a hearing on the controversial Har Homa housing plan in March while serving as Jerusalem District Planning Committee

Police are looking into a complaint to this effect filed yesterday by developer David Meir. Meir has a financial interest in halting the plan for developing the south-eastern Jerusalem neighborhood. It has yet to be decided whether

to open a formal investigation, the police spokesman said.

According to the complaint, on the afternoon of March 19, Suissa brought the plan before the committee and succeeded in getting it approved - despite the fact a district court judge had issued a temporary injunction that morning forbidding the discussion.

At the time, Suissa explained that the committee met on the Har Homa plan in the morning, approving it before the injunction was served.

Meir says he has evidence showing this was not the case. He charged that Suissa and others working with him tried to cover up the alleged violation, and that they are likely to destroy a tape of the committee meeting. No reaction was available yes-

terday from the Interior Ministry. Sarid petitions Court to keep issuing gas masks

EVELYN GORDON

MK Yossi Sarid (Meretz) petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday

against the government's decision to stop distributing gas masks.

The decision was based on a study by Rafael, the Armaments
Development Authority, which said gas masks are less effective than sealed rooms. Even in a worst-case scenario, gas masks would save only some 200 lives, the study said.

However, Sarid said international studies show the opposite: While sealed rooms decrease the risks of a gas attack by a factor of 10, gas masks decrease risks by a factor between 1,000 and 10,000. He supported this contention with affidavits by reserve generals Dov Peled and Yitzhak Fox, both former Civil Defense heads.

Furthermore, he noted, a missile explosion might break the windows of a sealed room, leaving the inhabitants with no protection except gas masks. A gas attack in a crowded area could affect tens of thousands of

people, the petition added.

The decision will also create discrimination between those who have already received their new gas masks and those who have not yet

Finally, it argued, the Basic Law Human Dignity and Freedom requires the government to actively protect human life. Therefore, it has no right to risk the loss of 200 lives for the sake of saving NIS 120 million a year.

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MKs divided on Hebron redeployment

number of fact-finding tours lately, was visited yesterday by six members of the Knesset Interior Committee. The MKs included Druse committee chairman MK Sallah Tarif (Labor), MK Taleb a-Sanaa (Democratic Arab Party), and Benny Elon

(Moledet). After hearing a security review from IDF officers, visiting the Machpela Cave, and meeting with Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe, Kiryat Arba Mayor Zvi Katzover, and Jewish residents, the MKs drew different conclusions.

LIAT COLLINS

Tarif told reporters there is no choice but to go ahead with the IDF redeployment, despite existing and possible future security problems. Tarif told Israel Radio that the forces on both sides are prepared for the redeployment, and carrying out the agreement might ease the atmosphere in the town. Asked about the Jewish residents, he said: "It's a mistake to have a few Jews in the heart of the Arab population in Hebron. They

should be evacuated." Elon, on the other hand, did not rule out participating in protests against the government if the withdrawal plans are implemented. "I hope it won't be necessary, but if the [IDF] redeploys, leading to the creation of a sanctuary for terrorists, we will fight it," Elon

Natshe told the MKs the Palestinian Police would be able to maintain security for all the res-

Katzover, however, said he does not think the IDF would be redeployed. "We can't believe that what the Labor government didn't do, the Likud will do," he said.

Insurance officials arrested for huge fraud

BILL HUTMAN and Jerusalem Post Staff

THREE major players in the nation's insurance industry allegedly executed a multi-million shekel insurance fraud scam, investigators said yesterday after a court ban was lifted on publication of the probe.

Meir Shamir, an owner of the Shamir Insurance Company, Moshe Pereg, former director of La Nationale Insurance Company, and Ya'acov Fish, former director of the Magen Insurance Company, were arrested earlier this week on suspicion of falsifying documents and violating securities regulation. They were released yesterday.

Fish, detained Tuesday, was put under house arrest for 14 days, and Pereg and Shamir, detained Wednesday, were released on bail. Police emphasized the investigation is just getting under way. According to police, the three

operated a scam in which they transferred millions of shekels of insurance payments into their own private company, without the knowledge of their respective

They are suspected of issuing false insurance policies to several kibbutzim - including Afikim, Hagoshrim, Beit Hashita, and Yagur - without demanding payment, in order to inflate their record books.

The allegedly inflated reports may have helped boost La Nationale's stock during the years 1993-1994, when the company was at its peak. During this period, Pereg's personal salary and benefits packages made him one of Israel's highest salaried individuals; according to some, the high-

In January, La Nationale announced it had ended 1995 with a net loss of NIS 177m., compared with a net profit of NIS 22.89m. the previous year. The company's 1995 fourth-quarter net losses rose to NIS 105.7m. from a net loss of NIS 22.9m.

The company's heavy losses shocked Israel's insurance industry and capital market analysts and Pereg was forced to resign.

'Yediot' undercover study faults security on buses

SERIOUS security breaches in public transportation have been found in an undercover investigation carried out by Yediot Tikshoret reporters. The report appears in Yediot Aharonot's chain

of local newspapers today. Over a period of two weeks, Yediot Tikshoret reporters rode buses in Haifa, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv and on intercity routes.

Travelling with a bag, the reporters boarded buses and got off them several stops later, leaving their bags in the aisle or under the seats. As they got off, another

MARGOT DUDKEVICH

reporter boarded the bus and sat several seats behind to see if the driver - or one of the guards of the special public transportation security division set up after a wave of bus bombings at the beginning of the year - noticed the unattended bag. In 25 of the 49 cases, the bags went unnoticed.

The report found that in the North and South, public alertness was particularly low. In Jerusalem, on the other hand, five of six fake bombs were

detected.

The report also stated that, on at least two occasions, bus drivers did not check the special luggage section on the side of the bus, even though regulations require all drivers to check it regularly. Reporters also found that only on a few occasions did they find Transport Ministry security guards on the buses or at bus

The report quoted Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani as saying the findings

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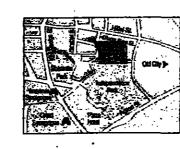




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Welcome change in Cairo

GYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak's violent conflict will be opened." comments at his joint press conference with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday, were a welcome change from the messages emanating from the rest of the Arab world this week. After meeting privately with Netanyahu, Mubarak said he now "understands [Netanyahu's] conception" and has "great hopes that the peace process will continue."

It is to be hoped that Egypt, which until yesterday had joined the rest of the Arab world in accusing Netanyahu of "killing the process," will now persuade its Arab brethren to modify their tone as well - because it is this tone, rather than Netanyahu's statements, which has indeed made the future of the process look shaky this

That Syria launched a vicious attack on Netanyahu is not surprising. Having refused every offer made it by the previous government, Syria feels a need to justify its own intransigence by blaming Israel. However, similar reactions from the Palestinian Authority and Arab countries with which Israel has relations including Egypt, whose press greeted Netanyahu yesterday with banner headlines reading "Netanyahu, we don't want you in Cairo" - are hard to reconcile with peaceful relations.

Palestinian Authority Council speaker Ahmed Oreia, for instance, said last week that Netanyahu's position is "dangerous," because he is promoting a "new concept of security for peace," while the current process "is based on land for peace." Netanyahu has indeed made it clear that security for Israelis is a precondition for moving the negotiations forward. However, if the PA considers security an unacceptable minimum to offer in exchange for the very real asset of land which Israel is giving up, the value of the process seems questionable.

Faisal Husseini, the PA's minister for Jerusalem affairs, declared recently that Israel does not have the right to condition further implementation of the agreement on PA compliunwillingness to acknowledge a need for reciprocity is also worrying. The entire point of an interim agreement, which is what the Oslo Accords are, is to see how they work before side must keep the agreement, while the other side is free of all obligations.

tive committee, which stated that, "Without a retreat by Israeli forces to the June 4, 1967 borbe no peace in the Middle East, and the door to never more than an illusion to begin with.

To insist that one side capitulate fully to the other's demands under threat of war is not peace - it is appeasement. It is also a certain recipe for the failure of negotiations.

The PA has made it clear that it understands this principle as applied to Israeli actions: Saeb Erakat, the PA's minister for municipal affairs. responded to Netanyahu's declaration on the indivisibility of Jerusalem by saying: "[Netanyahu] can't dictate the results of the negotiations before they begin. If he chooses this method... the meaning is that we don't have a peace process anymore."

However, this principle must apply equally to the Palestinian side. To say it is illegitimate for Netanyahu to declare Jerusalem to be Israel's eternal capital - a statement Faisal Husseini termed "a declaration of war" - but acceptable for the PLO to declare, as it repeatedly has, that no agreement is possible unless eastern Jerusalem becomes the capital of a Palestinian state, is to establish a double standard which precludes negotiations.

Furthermore, such statements are not made in a vacuum: They also engender action. As a senior army officer told Ha aretz earlier this week, "These strong statements by senior officials in the Palestinian Authority do not accord with their agreements with Israel," because "there is no other way to interpret them" except as a call to violence. "These words translate in the field into violent demonstrations and firebombs," the officer said.

None of this is to say that the Palestinians do not have legitimate concerns. The PA's desire for an end to the closure. IDF redeployment in Hebron, and a timetable for the final status talks are eminently understandable. It is also understandable that, having become accustomed to the previous government's vow to continue the process at any price, the PA is finding it hard to adjust to Netanyahu's unprecedented demand for reciprocity - especially since it has until now had the support of ance with what has already been signed. This the entire Arab world for its position. At a meeting earlier this week, the foreign ministers of Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates issued a statement announcing that if the going further. There can be no peace if only one process fails, it will be Israel's fault no matter what actually happens.

However, the results of the elections made it Most worrying of all, however, is a resolution clear that the Israeli people is no longer willing published over the weekend by the PA's execu- to keep giving without seeing any return. If the peace process is to have a future, the Palestinians must show they are willing to give ders [including eastern Jerusalem]... there will as well as take. If they are not, the "peace" was

Partners, Egyptian-style

'Just give him enough rope...'

LL the pundits were wrong. No crisis erupted yesterday between President Mubarak and Prime Minister Netanyahu in Cairo. The cordiality that welcomed Netanyahu in Washington

had its effect on the Egyptians.
And it's a good thing Netanyahu didn't announce, on his return from Washington early this week, that he had achieved full agreement with President Clinton over the specific steps of the peace process. Why? Because agreement of this kind wouldn't be in Israel's interests - or America's, for that matter. Netanyahu enumerated the various agreements with the US on bilateral issues: arms development, economic matters, and the war against terror. He didn't say anything about any Israeli-US understanding on the details of negotiations with the Palestinians

Had Netanyahu announced that he and Clinton had come to an understanding over the content of an Israeli-Arab settlement, or over acceptance of the "land for peace" principle that the Arabs are demanding, he would have been suspected of breaking his election

campaign promises.
It isn't any secret, after all, that there has been no absolute conformity of views over the years between Israel and the US on questions like Jerusalem, borders and refugees. And Israel's participation in the Madrid conference was on condition that the "land for peace" formula wouldn't be brought up.

peace can be achieved only in exchange for complete withdrawal. As such, it goes against the original American stand on the essence of Security Council Resolution 242, which refrained from demanding withdrawal from all the territories.

Over the years the US has felt that secure and recognized borders

MOSHE ZAK

should be achieved through negotiations between the parties, with the US insuring any settlement reached.

Now this is in Israel's interest, particularly after Clinton's promise, in line with most of his predeces sors, that he would not force a set-

tlement on Israel. And it is imperative that the US ripe to impose a solution on Israel, aided by threats of a renewed intifada. Waving the banner of "land for peace" they think they can force a complete Israeli withdrawal from the territories.

BUT THEY are wrong. It won't work. The Arabs will find they have no choice but to initiate a renewal of the talks - unconditionremain an "honest broker," helping the parties negotiate without

Mubarak had to show the premier his sunny side to prepare the ground for his trip to the US

forcing solutions on either side. The fact that Israelis went against the president's recommendation and elected Netanyahu showed the Arabs that America has only a limited ability to pressure Israel; and the fact that Netanyahu discussed Jewish settlements in Clinton's presence, implying a position opposed to the US's, surely further showed them that they cannot rely on US pressure on Israel to get what they want

For that they'll need to negotiate. And that means a willingness to compromise.

The Palestinians might be interpreting the religious-secular clashes on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan or the Histadrut strike as signs of

are, they're wrong. They don't understand the strong democratic infrastructure of our society, and tend to see developments like the stock exchange crisis as outbreaks of chaos that could lead to the government's

They believe the time may be

Israel has made it clear to the US that it is willing to talk with the Palestinian Authority and with the Syrians. Now it's the other side's turn to respond. Why should Israel send emis-

saries to Arafat in Gaza with a list of "talking points" when the PLO leader, ignorant of the finer points of diplomacy, will only be insulted by such a document bearing neither signature nor address?

It is Arafat and his people who must request a meeting with Israeli government representatives at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem.

And regarding Jerusalem, the US should be made aware of the fact that it is perpetrating an odd discrimination between the the US liaison with the Palestinian

Clinton's government opposes the implementation of Congress's decision to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem because, in its opinion, the question of Jerusalem has yet to be resolved. On the other hand, the US representative to the

PA isn't based in Gaza, but in Jerusalem.

During the days of the autonomy talks, the US liaison with the Palestinians had an office in the embassy in Tel Aviv. Later, without anyone noticing, liaison with the Palestinians moved to the Consulate General in Jerusalem. which has no ties to the Israeli

Foreign Ministry. Netanyahu and Clinton agreed to disagree on Jewish settlements, and both preferred that the issue be dealt with in Israeli-Arab negotiations. Without getting involved in the details of those negotiations they reached an understanding on the subject of bypass roads: The US will not deduct the amount Israel is allocating to pave these roads from its loan guarantees, since this is defined as a bilateral issue.

But isn't the question of where the US liaison to the Palestinians is based also a bilateral issue? It could have been resolved during the Netanyahu-Clinton encounter at the White House without getting into disputed Israeli-Palestinian issues.

It was evading such issues, after all, that enabled ties between Jerusalem and Washington to be so manifestly cordial. And the warmth with which Netanyahu was welcomed in Washington was felt again yesterday in Cairo.

On the eve of the Egyptian leader's own scheduled visit to the US, he did his utmost to stress his understandings with Netanyahu, since this would of course help him with Congress. And Netanyahu his public relations bid vis-a-vis the American public by creating an atmosphere of smooth Israeli-Egyptian relations.

Only time will tell whether such a gesture was justified.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

THE PALESTINIAN COVENANT

Sir, - In his letter of July 11, Shmuel Katz does not repeat the falsehood that Yasser Arafat "lifted not a finger' to revoke the Palestine National Covenant, and that is to be welcomed, but he repeats the falsehood that it has still not been revoked.

In 1988 and 1993, Arafat and the PLO did not pretend to revoke the Covenant; they only declared that it was null and void and acted in glaring violation of its fundamental provisions.

On April 22 this year, the Palestine National Council resolved by an overwhelming majority, in the offi-cial binding English version reported to the Government of Israel by its chairman, Yasser Arafat:

"The Palestine National Charter is hereby amended by canceling the articles that are contrary to the letters interchanged between the PLO and the Government of Israel September 9-10, 1993" (my italics).

My only obsession is with the truth. It is just as harmful to miss the opportunity for peace as it is to ignore the danger of war. If Katz had had his way in the time of the late Menachem Begin, we would still be at war with Egypt and therefore also with Jordan, the other Arab countries that have established relations with us and all the Palestinians.

Jerusalem,

MERETZ PEACE

MISHA LOUVISH

Sir, - The Labor/Meretz government built numerous bypass roads as part of its "peace" initiative, spending vast sums. Why now, when it comes to religious Jews, does Meretz reject all alternatives to keeping Bar-Ilan Street open on Shabbar? Isn't Shabbat as sacred to religious Jews as the beach is for Meretz? Surely, Meretz is capable of promoting tolerance and peace among Jews, or is a Meretz "peace" false and only for Palestinians?

KEVIN E. ABRAMS

RECKLESS PURSUIT OF POWER

Sir. - David Levy's venomous ultimatum to Netanyahu is confirmation (if any were needed) of his reckless pursuit of credit and power.

In early 1987, Levy (then Housing Minister) squandered \$300,000, printing an album marking the completion of reconstruction work in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem by guess who - David Levy. The money might have been put to better use in building more housing units. The album featured a full-page color album reasonal photo of Mr. Levy.

AVRAHAM ERIS

HAREDIM

Sir. - The photograph on the front page of your July 7 issue shows a "haredi" being apprehended by Border Police for participating in the Shabbat orgy of violence along Jerusalem's Bar-Ilan Street. Though the caption claims he is a "haredi." I wish to emphasize that neither he, nor any Jewish person throwing stones, excrement, or any other substance on the holy Sabbath, the Jewish day of rest, can be considered a devoutly religious person. 2

JOBS FOR THE BOYS

Sir, - Both in the course of the election campaign and since, we have heard a myriad of promises regarding the modernization, liberalization and privatization of the есопошу.

In that context, are we now entitled to demand an end to the age-old corrupt practices of "jobs for the boys." i.e. the repayment of political favors by granting appointment to unqualified people at inflated salaries (a start could be made, for example, in the staffing of the new infrastructure Ministry); or the granting of "licenses to print mon-ey" by arranging for "friends" to receive exclusive import licenses?

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NON-ORTHODOX CONVERSION

Sir, - Rabbi Emanuel Feldman's article "Melanie, not Moses" (J.P., June 30) may have been well-intentioned but hardly accords with the facts. Not only is the preparation of converts for a liberal Beit Din generally intensive and painstaking, but I have seen candidates for conversion whom I had rejected for insufficient knowledge, return from Jerusalem with conversion certificates, issued by well-known Orthodox rabbis. Needless to say, the converts did not

know an aleph from a taf.

RABBI DR. N.P. LEVISON Jerusalem.

BRADY BOYS' CLUB

Sir, - The Brady Boys' Club, the first Jewish boys' club in the United Kingdom, is celebrating its centenary this year. A year-long program of events has been planned to mark the anniversary in London and at 'Skeet,'' Brady's country house, for those members and Old Bradians living in the UK. We would like to organize a get-together of former Bradians and managers who have made their homes in Israel, and to that end, I would like any former Bradians to contact me by telephone STANLEY BROZA or fax at: (07) 998-3830. AUBREY GORDON

NO MANDATE

Sir, - Three and a half years ago Rabin and Peres proclaimed that they had a "mandate from the people" to negotiate with the PLO. That arrogant myth was shattered by the recent election, when Israeli lews voted overwhelmingly to reject Labor Meretz policies.

Ironically, the Rabin/Peres-led coalition managed to survive only with the support of Arab votes. As the election proved, there was no mandate. Why, then, are the Oslo Accords

sacred? They do not deserve to be

honored by Israel, especially since

they have been violated by the PLO. DR. MOSHE DANN Jerusalem

LL that glitters isn't gold not even Netanyahu wonder boy Dore Gold.

Many years back I remember discussing the subject of Israeli experts on Arab affairs with Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Sadat had iust visited Jerusalem, and Boutros-Ghali was serving in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry. The future UN secretary-general was already known for his brilliance.

You Israelis have the best Arabists in the world," he said with smile. They have read every book and article on the Arab world. But they don't understand a thing. Why? Because they have never lived in an Arab state or come into contact with the Arab public." I recalled this conversation

recently in connection with Gold. Those in the prime minister's inner circle speak of Gold with nothing but the highest praise. In their eyes he is a brilliant expert, a true Jewish-American intellectual. the guy with all the answers.

asked the Palestinians about their impressions of Wonder Boy. They just shrugged: "Another one who doesn't understand a thing." Sending Gold to meet with the head of the Palestinian Authority

was an empty gesture on

After Gold met with Arafat I

The Americans had demanded that Netanyahu meet with Yasser Arafat. He didn't want to, either from personal conviction or out of **URI AVNERY**

All that glitters isn't.

fear of the extreme right-wingers who are becoming entrenched in his government. So he sent Gold in his stead.

smile from anyone with even a rudimentary knowledge of Arab reality.

It's no wonder. Netanyahu has That way, despite the total almost never talked to real Arabs freeze in the peace process, except for formal talks with Arab

Netanyahu adviser Dore Gold understands little more than his boss about the Palestinian reality

Netanyahu could travel to the US and sell his hosts a lot of bunk about the continuation of the process. All is well; contact has been maintained. Gold has met with Arafat.

Clinton, of course, was happy enough. He has elections coming up in four months and until then he has no desire to quarrel with israel's government. The last thing he needs is to alienate Jewish American voters.

BUT THE problem goes beyond the prime minister's tendency to play "let's pretend" with the Palestinian Authority.

Binyamin Netanyahu has little understanding of the Arab world in general, and of the Palestinian people in particular. His books testify to this. They are crammed

heads of state and the much-publicized stormy meeting with Arab journalists in Madrid Everything Bibi knows about Arabs is a collection of slogans, some inherited from his father, some he himself

One could argue that a politician doesn't have to know everything. It's enough if he knows how to win an election - and Netanyahu's very good at that.

has come up with.

But if the prime minister knows nothing about an issue vital to national security, for example, it becomes important who his advisers are. And that's where Gold comes in.

I don't know, and I don't care, where Netanyahu found this "expert." What is important is that Gold is dangerous for two reasons: first, because he has no genfull of "facts" which evoke a nine understanding of the

Palestinian reality - at least according to the Palestinians themselves - and second, because both he and Netanyahu think he understands it.

As premier Netanyahu wields enormous power. And he will discover what leaders throughout history have learned: that advisers tell you what you want to hear, and they will fornish you with opinions that mesh with your own.

We've already seen this process in action. Officials involved in Palestinian relations prepared the paperwork for the new prime minster in advance of his US visit. They made sure to write precisely what Netanyahu wanted to hear for example, on the subject of alleged Palestinian violations of the Oslo accords.

These yes-men, in and out of uniform, are supposed to be the ones who will advance the peace process. Instead they will reinforce the negative attitude of our new premier, a man who knows nothing about Palestinians and has surrounded himself with people who apparently don't know much

Understanding is clearly no substitute for political will. No amount of information will help Netanyahu make peace if he isn't interested in peacemaking. But it would at least help him to

know what he's talking about. The writer heads the Peace Bloc.

POSTSCRIPTS

Netanyahu's part.

IDENTICAL TWIN bothers who lived all of their 61 years together died within minutes of one another in Perth, both suffering heart attacks.

"They came into the world together and went out together," a police spokesman said.

William and John Bloomfield were at a casino when one of them collapsed. Before an ambulance crew arrived to attend to him, the second brother collansed as well. Neither regained CONSCIONAMESS. A police spokesman said

"there is no evidence at this stage to suggest this is anything other than a tragic coincidence." Relatives identified the twins, but dental records were needed

to tell the brothers apart. "It's not enough to positively identify them; we have to be positive which brother is which," said the spokesman. "The coroner's

hips and thought they'd be able to tell them apart from that. Then they found the other brother had a scar in the same place. They'd both had the same operation."

"Police who attended the home found identical pairs of everything. All their clothes were in sets of two," the spokesman said. "Apparently they were inscparable."

office found a scar on one of their A 77-year-old woman has been

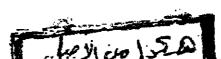
trying to obtain a driving license for the past 32 years - and is still

Shulamit Dizen, from Ashdod, has failed 30 driving tests. Ma'ariv reported yesterday.

Her dream is to drive in her own car to Tel Aviv, or even to Jerusalem. In spite of her many setbacks, Dizen has not given up

"Maybe next time I'll pass," she told Israel Radio.

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Astute hospitality

TO PARAPHRASE a common Hebrew saying, words are one thing, deeds another. That seems highly applicable to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's official visit to Egypt yesterday and his projected visit to Jordan next week.

Anyone who's been taking the vitriol pouring from the editorial and political columns of the Arab press seriously might stop and wonder at a man who has been so consistently depicted as an enemy. of regional peace being invited to the presidential and royal palaces of Cairo and Amman.

And the initiative for these exercises in politically astute hospitality came not after behind-thescenes wheeling and dealing by Israel's envoys to the two Arab capitals, but from the respective hosts, President Hosni Mubarak and King Hussein.

Netanyahu confirmed this at a news conference convened at Ben-Gurion Airport upon his return from the US.

"Both trips were decided on the day I was elected," he said. "I received phone calls from President Mubarak and King Hussein. They both invited me. I said that I'd be happy to take them up on their invitations, but that I would first go to Washington. I went to Washington. Now I am taking them up on their invitations."

He also criticized the onslaught against him that has dominated the Egyptian and Syrian press, as well as newspapers elsewhere in the Arab world.

There is rhetoric and there is reality," Netanyahu said. "I suggest to the Arab leaders to lay off the rhetoric and get back to the reality on the ground. There is a new government, and it is ready to advance together with you toward peace. I suggest that you concentrate more on this and less

Underlying this barbed comment was the awareness that the Arab news media are controlled by the Arab regimes and manipulated by them for political or pro-

paganda objectives. Mubarak and Hussein evidently JAY BUSHINSKY

understand - much better than the editorial writers of The New York Times or the State Department officials who evidently inspire them - not only that Netanyahu is Israel's elected leader, but that it is the better part of wisdom to exchange views with him rather than dismissing him as an incorrigible extremist.

Had Netanyahu implied that he

Mubarak and Hussein understand that it is the better part of wisdom to meet and talk with Netanyahu

would not uphold the previous government's commitment to redeploy (a euphemism for withdraw) its troops away from Hebron, as deduced by the Times, Mubarak and Hussein might have rescinded their invitations. But he didn't - and they didn't.

Nor is there any basis to contend, as does the Times, that Netanyahu wants to prolong the economically-crippling closure of the autonomous Gaza Strip and West Bank.

On the contrary, not only is he seeking ways to lift the closure, but he is also trying to avoid the ethnic separation between Israelis and Palestinians advocated by the former Labor-Meretz coalition in the name of national security.

IT WOULD be quite disingenuous to argue that curtailment or cancellation of the closure imposed after the recent spate of suicide bombings does not carry a substantial risk.

That is why it is so difficult to understand how an American editorial writer can muster the verbal causing great [economic] suffer-ing while serving no evident security purpose.

However imperfect the closure may be, and no matter how advisable it might be to lift it, the Times cannot allege that Israel (under Labor-Meretz and now under the Likud) was "unwise to needlessly antagonize the Palestinian population over essential nonpolitical issues of daily life like the blockade of West Bank and Gaza Strip

The Israeli press is not immune to unfair, if not totally preposter-ous, criticism of Netanyahu

Writing in Ha'aretz Guy Bechor, an Arab affairs analyst, assailed the premier for attributing the difficulties in achieving peace with the Arab states to the fact that none of them are democracies and none have commendable human rights records.

"Netanyahu's approach changes the balance of power in the region," he wrote. "While the previous Israeli government related to the Arab world's regimes as allies in the struggle against militant Islamists, Netanyahu presents Israel as being in an opposing position."

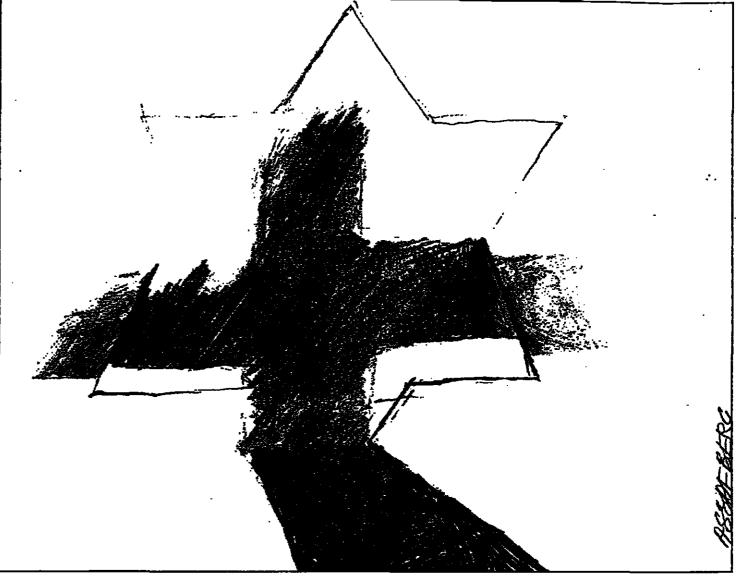
A local Palestinian journalist

dismissed this assessment saying that the prime minister may have upset the Arab heads of state, but he certainly won points with their citizens. "We want democracy just like the rest of mankind."

There is a certain chronological imbalance: Mubarak has been Egypt's president for the past 15 years; Hussein has been Jordan's king for the past 43 years; Netanyahu has been Israel's prime minister for the past month. These time frames also have

something to do with democracy. Certainly they indicate which of the three leaders is closest to his nation's political state of mind - a fact the two Arab leaders evidently appreciate, and one the New York Times and Ha aresz ought to respect as well.

The writer is with The Chicago-



It's offensive, ignoble and ugly

ECENTLY in New Orleans the 14,000 delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution calling for a major campaign to convert American Jews to Christianity. The Baptists also appointed a missionary to take charge of the conversion operations, thus supplementing

rhetoric with organizational muscle. The resolution is the latest in a centuries-long line of conversion efforts whose history is so distasteful as to make the Baptists' action profoundly offensive.

Two Jewish interfaith leaders

have reacted properly. Rabbi A. James Rudin of the American Jewish Committee was quoted as having called the resolution a "great setback." Rabbi Leon Klenicki of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said it made him "very sad," going so far as to add that in light of the Holocaust it would be more appropriate for the Baptists to "talk

about a mission to the Christians." But some reactions have been muted. Privately, prominent Jews I asked about the resolution said they hadn't thought much about it, or that they were used to this sort of thing, or that they would trust the free market in religious ideas to prevent anything bad from happening.

When I talked about the resolution with several Christians who are friendly to Jewish concerns, they did not immediately see the problem.

They reacted to the exhortation as an expression of freedom of speech or as a desire to share the great gift of one's faith. The farthest thing from their minds was associating conversion with animosity or coercive actions toward Jews.

Yet, historically, both the animus and the coercion have been companions of conversionism.

The notion of a special need to convert Jews to Christianity is as old as Christianity itself. In the simple conversionist view, Christianity is the natural, necessary culmination of Jewish history. It makes Judaism unnecessary and obsolete. The persistence of Jews who choose to remain Jews poses a challenge to this idea of inevitability.

Thus, the argument goes, intensive conversion efforts must be made. The Baptists resolution stands in this tradition.

It doesn't, however, declare that the US's growing Moslem popula-tion is in special need of spiritual improvement. Only the Jews merit this honor.

Historically, there has almost invariably been an unpleasant corollary to the conversionist case. If all arguments have been made, and the most powerful and manifestly persuasive appeals to reason have been rejected, the Jews doing the rejecting must be perverse, indeed. Their bad character deserves bad treatment sometimes forced conversion, freLEONARD GARMENT

an honorable history

quently worse. St. Paul, Jewish himself, became exasperated by his difficulties in converting fellow Jews. European Catholicism has the Spanish Inquisition to show as an end product of this cast of mind.

Perhaps the most illustrative and consequential conversion events involved Martin Luther, the founder

his followers to burn synagogues and Jewish homes. "It is our fault," he wrote, "that we... do not slay them.

In the '30s Julius Streicher, editor of Der Sturmer, published choice passages from Luther's missive to encourage German Christians to complete the unfinished task. Today's Lutheran Church has

With their campaign to convert US Jews the Baptists risk sullying

of German Protestantism. He began unequivocally repudiated this part his career with a benign attitude of its founder's ocuvre and the Jews would be 1,000 years' work. toward the German Jews and confi- conversionism that gave rise to it. dently set out to convert them.

When he failed, friendliness turned to hatred. Luther wrote that the Jews' rejection of salvation and adherence to error could be explained only as demonic and incorrigible evil. In a famous pamphlet entitled The Jews and Their Lies, he described Jews as "children of the devil." He urged

Other Christian denominations the Methodists and Presbyterians - have taken similar stands. So has the Roman Catholic Church.

In November 1994, Pope John Paul II announced that he wanted to mark the third millennium of Christianity with acts of repentance for the church's silence about totalitarian oppression and

for centuries of church hostility toward the Jews.

RENUNCIATIONS of systematic conversion have not come about because of sentimentality. Rather, Christian leaders see that conversionism bespeaks condescension and contempt.

Aggressive evangelism aimed at Jews may seem relatively harmless in a society like ours, which is committed to tolerance. But in the future, here and elsewhere, convictions about others' perceived religious inferiority can easily turn into something ugly. We know this from history.

When Pope John announced plans for the third millennium, Christian remarked that repentance for. Christian hostility toward the Baptists have an honorable his-

tory when it comes to resisting coercive or overweening religious zeal. It would be appropriate for them to join the Pope in his task rather than act in a way that reminds Jews how necessary his enterprise is.

The writer is a lawyer. (Courtesv of the New York Times)

Political no-man's-land

THE political landscape has changed. Leadership and party have parted ways.

a party without a leader. After his election victory, Binyamin Netanyahu is a leader without a

He and Shimon Peres must share a sense of loneliness.

For Peres, it is the product of a feeling of betrayal, as former political allies and close advisers such as Haim Zadok and Prof. Yehezkel Dror call on him to face the final challenge of departure from political life.

If Peres hangs on to his titular role as party chairman, it is not because he senses the strength of his control of the Labor Party, but only because he senses the weakness of Netanyahu's in the Likud. Peres has no realistic hope of being able to determine Labor's future leadership. The only real power he still holds is the ability

to determine when the succession will take place. This is crucial, as long as there is a chance of a return to power in a unity government. As a leader without a future, Peres is an attractive partner. His political weakness is terminal. He is no real threat. In contrast, his successor will be Labor's candidate in

the next general election. In putting together his government, Netanyahu has hardly displayed a readiness to promote rivals in his own party. He would certainly be unlikely to promote a guaranteed competitor in the opposition. Once the succession in Labor's leadership takes place, the chances of a unity government

will radically diminish. Whether or not a Peres camp still exists, there certainly has been one within the Labor Party. There has never been a Netanyahu camp within the Likud. Netanyahu won the party leadership. He did not capture the

In this negative sense, there is a similarity to the position of an American president. In the US, the chief of state is the acknowledged party leader. However, as a ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

After its electoral defeat, Labor consequence of the American fedorganizational base of the party is beyond his control.

In Israel there is no federal system of government, but the Likud. as a party, is a federation of independent sources of power. The loyalty of the party activists is, first of all, to their party faction.

The Likud, in the aggregate, can perform satisfactorily as a vehicle

It's an odd situation when you have a leader without a party and a party without a leader

to achieve power. Once in power, however, as the factions pull in different directions, it does badly as a vehicle of policy.

THIS, of course, has its advantages. If Netanyahu controlled the Likud, Bank of Israel Governor Ya'acov Frenkel would be finance minister today. Netanyahu told the Congress in Washington that there was no Hebrew word for "deregulation," but he promised that there would be before his term of office was up. It took barely a week to move from deregulation to market safety nets. He needs another one for

.Whatever the outcome of the resent stock market crisis, the political consequences for Netanyahu are significant. He conferred on Frenkel his personal support, one of the few political assets that derive from the popular election of the prime minister. A defeat for Frenkel is a blow to

the prestige of the prime minister. The last thing Netanyahu wants is for Dan Meridor, an unquestioned rival, to be in undisputed control of the Treasury. By intervening in the workings of the free

market, Netanyahu has also compromised on a matter of principle, but this is probably less of a worry for him.

the stock market crisis is only an opening skirmish. A major battle is in the offing over the proposed budget cuts. There is a fundamental conflict between the economic liberalism that Meridor represents and the economic populism of David Levy's Gesher faction.

Power and policy will be joined in open combat. On the economic liberalism of

the free market, Meridor is already making his initial retreat in the stock market crisis. Will he also be prepared to compromise when it comes to the political liberalism of the rule of law? This is the theme common to

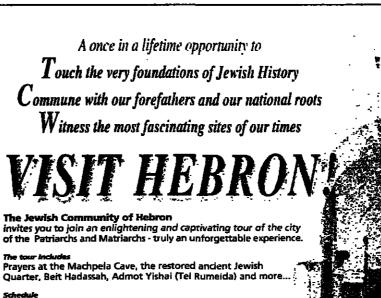
the dispute over the closing of Rehov Bar-Ilan on Shabbat and the dispute over the designation of Shas's Rafael Pinhasi, the lifting of whose parliamentary immunity has been requested by the attorney-general, as chairman of the Knesset House Committee, which rules on immunity cases. In both cases, the target will be the authority of the Supreme Court.

On this issue, Netanyahu has already taken sides. Ya'acov Ne'eman, his personal choice for justice minister, who is identified with the National Religious Party and has strong personal ties with the Shas leadership, is an opponent of judicial activism in the political arena. Will Netanyahu support him, at the cost of a fight within his own party?

At that point, the question of a national unity government becomes relevant. Netanyahu will compromise on those issues that least threaten his own political power. Paradoxically, these may prove to be related to the peace process, not to economic liberalism or the authority of the High Court. It will be easier for Netanyahu to compromise with Peres than

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bright colored polo shirt and shorts as a relative smoked ner-

An elderly couple, a young

blond woman and a man with

In a letter to President Clinton,

France sets up crash trauma team

SOBBING family members and friends arrived at France's main airport yesterday for news of passengers aboard TWA Flight 800. which exploded and crashed hours before.

Most relatives were already in tears when they reached Roissy-Charles de Gaulle, clearly aware

of the tragedy. But an elderly woman, coming to meet her son. only learned of the drama when she sought information from attendants after seeing the word "canceled" on the large black arrivals board next to the TWA Flight 800 details.

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The Sheattiel family sends deepest condolences to the mourners of

DANIEL SHALTIEL

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At this sad time, our thoughts are with his children:

with Moshe and Gila Shaltiel-Gracian (Chen) of Riverwoods, Illinois,

grandchildren Danny & Laurie, Mairay and Simone,

and great-grandchildren Steve and Jason:

and Yossi and Naomi Shaltiel of Tel Aviv

and grandchildren Ari, Zvika and Eli;

and Adina and Michel Saiovici of Mennecy, France,

and grandchildren Martine, Sandrine, and Jerome.

PARIS

the SOS Attentats association which helps victims of terrorist attacks, said airport officials had told her 40 French people were among the 229 passengers and crew, all of whom were feared to have died.

TWA and airport officials set up a special trauma center at Gate 12 in Terminal 1 where the plane was to arrive at 8:15 a.m. and at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport, the final destination of some of the passengers.
Airport and medical workers

escorted the relatives, some disheveled with tears in their eyes and others expressionless, through a gantlet of journalists. "Help us!," a blond teenage girl in jeans and a black T-shirt said in

threw herself in the arms of a

white hair and beard were also among those quickly ushered past reporters. Security staff cleared the way for a brunette woman with sunglasses, her head resting on the shoulder of one of the guards. French through her tears, after she

French President Jacques Chirac sent his condolences and expressed his "strong emotion woman who appeared to be her and consternation" about the crash. He noted that both French

and American nationals were among the dead. "I don't doubt that it will be possible to determine the circumstances of this catastrophe," he said.

The trauma team at Charles de Gaulle was "specially trained to meet the people and attend to every one of their needs," said TWA spokesman Gilbert Dennemont. So far about 30 people were counseled by midmorn-

ing, he said. Michel Clerel, chief physician for the Paris Airports, said three rooms, staffed by about 50 people, had been set up to receive families and friends.

One contained 30 telephones for their use as well as food and drink, another was a reception area for the families and the third was for counseling.

"We have to put them in a mental state of waiting ... before eventually confirming to them the loss of a loved one," Clerel said. "We get them to talk and discuss their feelings with specialists, then we leave them alone for 10 or 15 minutes and we speak to them again."

More than a dozen Red Cross workers in tan and red uniforms arrived but declined comment. Dennemont said he had no information on a group of studeous

from Montoursville High School in Pennsylvania, who were feared to be among the passengers. Italy's Foreign Ministry quoted TWA as saving a canceled Rome-

bound flight had 19 passengers. but the airline declined to say how many took Flight 800. The Italian Embassy in Paris said the 19 took three different flights, but it did not have the breakdown.

French **Jewish** community waits anxiously **ELDAD BECK**

THE French Jewish community waited auxiously yesterday to find out whether any of its members were on the TWA plane that exploded over Long Island.

Many American and French Jews travel the New York-Paris route, especially during the sum-mer. Moreover, TWA flight No. 800 connected New York and Tel Aviv until recently. According to TWA sources, the connecting flight to Tel Aviv was canceled in January.

But Charles de Gaulle Airport Rabbi Haim Kosia told journalists the connecting flight stopped operating only 10 days ago.

People are passing the time calling New York in order to find out who was on the flight," said Rabbi Pezner, a leader of Habad France.

Among those who arrived at Charles de Gaulle Airport and saw the families was Paris's former chief rabbi Alain Goldman. who said he was expecting the arrival of French yeshiva students on the TWA 800 flight. TWA sources said 12 kosher meals were ordered by passen gers. However, Goldman declined to confirm the presence of Jewish passengers on the flight.

Most French experts on terrorism are convinced the explosion was caused by terrorists.

During recent weeks, French security services received information on Moslem fundamentalist groups intending to commit terrorist attacks on French soil. _The airport rabbi spent most of the morning hours with the pre-sumed victims' families. "They didn't have any real information about the fate of the passengers no names, no bodies – and they were forced to rely on bits and pieces of information. It was difficult for them and for us," Rabbi

Tragedy evokes eerie Lockerbie echoes

LONDON (Reuter) - The tragic explosion of TWA Flight 800 near New York evoked eerie echoes and painful memories for families of victims of the 1988 Lockerbie disaster that killed 270 people when a bomb exploded on another US jet.

Like the doomed Pan Am 103, the TWA flight blew up in mid-air shortly after taking off. Both involved US airlines and Boeing 747 air-

No distress warnings were received from either flight and witnesses to both catastrophes described fireballs in the sky before the jumbo jets All 229 people the TWA Paris-bound flight are believed dead. No one

from the Pan Am jet lived to tell what really happened nearly eight years ago in the sky over Scotland. There are very strong echoes here of Lockerbie," said Pamela Dix.

whose brother died in the Lockerbie disaster. "Pan Am is gone. Who would now be considered the flagship carrier

for the United States, would that be TWA?" But regardless of what or who is responsible for yesterday's tragedy the effect on the families and friends of its victims is the same.

They are experiencing a desperate form of shock. The abrupt nature of something like this is so catastrophic your life changes instantly," Dix You are catapulted into another world, into another way of dealing

with the world. It never finishes. Things never restore themselves to the way they were before." Jim Swire, who lost a daughter in the Pan Am crash, said the first days, weeks and even months become a blank.

"You go about your business like an automaton. It isn't just at the beginning that the worst anguish comes."

CRASH (Continued from Page 2) The rural Pennsylvania town of

Montoursville - population 5,000

- grieved for 16 high school stu-

dents and five chaperones on

Flight 800. The students were

bound for Paris to study French.

fundraisers. They worked so hard

[to raise money] for this trip,"

said swimming coach Tina Larson. To wake up and lose so

many of Montoursville's best and

best honor students, athletes, stu-

dents involved in all types of

Yesterday afternoon, President

Bill Clinton led the nation in a moment of silence for the victims,

specifically mentioning the

Soon after the plane plummet-

ed, life jackets and rafts appeared

on the water, raising hopes for survivors. But the Coast Guard

said none of the bodies recovered

was wearing life preservers,

which suggested that the explo-

sion came without warning.

The Coast Guard had called the

search conditions "excellent,"

with a 70 percent probability of

detection. You got fishing boats

with outriggers out there," said

Ralph Lettieri, a firefighter who

raced out in his own boat with

two other firefighters.

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Ed Motola, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

Natalie Sattiel, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Pennsylvania teenagers.

activities."

The whole town is in mourn-

said Mayor John Doring. ing," said Mayor John Doring.
"These kids were the best of the

brightest - they're just gone."

They sold candy. They had

Relatives of TWA crash victims arrive at Paris's Charles de Gaulle Airport yesterday. Holbrook warns Karadzic's party

SARAJEVO (AP) - Turning up the pressure on Radovan Karadzic, America's top envoy to the Balkans yesterday urged the Bosnian Serb leader to step aside or see his party banned from the

country's first post-war elections. Richard Holbrooke's demand added muscle to similar warnings from others seeking to sideline Karadzic because crimes suspect

UN spokesman Alexander Ivanko said the mayor of a town in Serb territory threatened to take

Roast pork new suspect in Japan food poisoning

OSAKA (Reuter) - Roast pork joined eel sushi yesterday as a key suspect in a food poisoning outbreak from school lunches that has made more than 5,500 children ill in western Japan.

As the number of victims from the week-old epidemic kept going up, health authorities added roast pork served with cold noodles as a possible carrier of the O-157 E. coli bacterium which is causing the outbreak.

In the early days of the epidemic, authorities believed they had pinpointed the carrier to a meal of sea eel sushi and soup served to schools in the area on

But a spokesman for a national task force set up to investigate the outbreak now believes the bacteria might also have been in a second meal distributed to schools one week ago, two days before the first children were

UN police and members of the NATO-led Bosnian peace force hostage and kill them if Karadzic is detained as a war crimes sus-

High-ranking Bosnian Serb officials have distanced themselves from earlier warnings of retaliatory hostage-taking. Still, Ivanko called the threat, made by avor Miladin Stefano

Ugljevik, "outrageous." Maj. Brett Boudreau, spokesman for the peacekeepers. warned the Serbs not to go too far.

"We will not be intimidated," he said. "We will not-stand idly by while people make threats and attempt to carry them out."

Holbrooke endorsed a deadline

of today for Karadzic to step down as leader of his party. If he does not members of his party "are out of the elections" set for Sept. 14, he told reporters.

Robert Frowick, the official overseeing preparations for the voting. Holbrooke's endorsement meant the United States was officially pressure on Karadzic.

Holbrooke said the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which is organizing the election, could enact the ban today. That's when campaigning is to officially begin. Frowick is mission head of the OECD.

Though Karadzic has turned shadow state to a hawkish aide, he has refused demands by the international community to relinquish his party leadership.

The Russian press is filled with

reports of military corruption,

some involving defense ministry

Corruption is believed to be even

more widespread among lower-ranking officers. The brutal hazing

of new recruits has long been a

Rodionov, previously head of the General Staff Military Academy,

pledged to fight army corruption

"The army's prestige cannot be maintained if it is corrupt, espe-

"The army should not be a bur-

Yeltsin said "not everything is

going smoothly" with his orders to

make the army a smaller, volunteer

den for the country and a scare-

crow to the world community.

and strengthen the military.

cially if its leaders are."

force by the year 2000.

Rodionov added.

leaders and Grachev.

July 5.

Yeltsin assails army corruption

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin, condemning corruption, slow changes in the army and the brutal hazing of soldiers, said yesterday he will create a Defense Council to deal with reform and strategy.

"We need deep military reform," Yeltsin said as he introduced Russia's new defense minister, Igor Rodionov, to ministry leadership. "We need to establish elementary order within the military. That is our first task."

The induction ceremony took place at the government resort of Barvikha outside Moscow, where Yeltsin is resting before his inauguration for a second term on Aug. 9. Rodionov's appointment was announced Wednesday. Yeltsin said without elaborating

that the new Council would implement "strategic decisions" of the existing Security Council and oversee military reform. Although its powers and compo-

sition were not described, the new council would probably steal some political clout from Alexander Lebed, an ambitious former general recently appointed Security

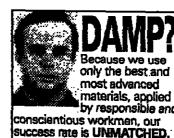
Council chief. Lebed, who attended vesterday's ceremony, had opposed the idea, saying the two councils would

duplicate each other. But Rodionov, seen as Lebed's protege, took a different stance yesterday, saying the Defense Council was "necessary in order to give the army a new breath." Since his appointment last month, Lebed had engineered the

dismissal of the previous defense minister, Pavel Grachev, and several Grachev loyalists in the ministry. While Lebed did not get the broad powers be had sought over economic and social issues, he managed to push through Rodionov's appointment - a step widely expected to boost his influ-

Yeltsin praised Rodionov yesterday as a bright officer with wideranging command experience, but he was much less flattering about the military as a whole.

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Strikes hit London

LONDON (AP) - Striking drivers brought London's subway to a nearhalt yesterday, and thousands of mail workers and firefighters also walked out on one of Britain's worst days of disruption in a decade.

The strike on the London Underground, the most effective of three recent strikes, paralyzed 99 percent of the network that carries 1.6 million passengers daily. Long lines of traffic snarled on the main routes into the capital.

and commuters jammed buses. A 24-hour strike by the 130,000strong Communication Workers Union halted delivery of mail throughout the country. It was the second recent strike in a dispute over working practices in the Royal Mail.

Firefighters struck in the north England county of Derby in protest against planned cuts in services by the local authority.

Iraq again blocks UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - A UN official yesterday accused Iraq of

Iraqi guards have blocked inspectors from one arms site and threatened them with weapons at another despite a new agreement allowing unrestricted access to all facilities they wish to see. The Security Council demands

that Iraq comply with a June 22.

agreement, in which Baghdad

accepted UN demands for "immediate, unconditional and unrestricted" access to all suspected sites. But chief inspector Rolf Ekeus said yesterday Iraq was still refus-ing access, claiming the site was

trying to change the rules for weapons inspections as Iraqi authorities barred a UN inspection team for a third day from a site near Baghdad's airport suspected of containing banned weapons.

located in a "presidential area" barred to all foreigners.

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IDF ponders how to deal with PA

Researchers and officers say the IDF should balance the political system in negotiations, writes Steve Rodan

UST last year, Uzi Dayan was foreign minister Shimon Peres's favorite when he was head of IDF Planning and a key player in the Israeli-Palestinian and forging the negotiations and forging the resulting agreements on redeploy-

As he assumed his new job as head of IDF Central Command, Dayan recall the parting words of his predecessor, Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran: "Now, you can have the broth that you cooked."

Today, Peres and his government are gone and Dayan is left with a command that is facing an increasingly restless Palestinian security force. As senior officers. put it, the major-general has forged a new set of priorities.

"As Peres's man in the negotia-

tions, Dayan shared the idea that the negotiations should be advanced," one IDF source says. "Now, as head of central command, he is demonstrating a much more deliberate approach."

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu hasn't asked yet, but the IDF in the post-Labor government era has a lot to say about how the Palestinian-Israeli talks should proceed. Military sources say the general staff shares Netanyahu's cautious approach but doesn't want an end to the negotiations or a halt in the rede-

ployment agreed to by Peres.
"The IDF's role has been to balance the political system," says Maj.-Gen. (res.) Avraham Rotem, now a senior researcher at Bar-Ilan University's Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies. "During the previous government, & 50,000 Palestinian gunmen, the IDF served as a brake so it including PA officers and terrorshouldn't move too quickly with the peace process. Now, the IDF new government, but from the opposite direction."

Chief of Staff LL-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak played a major role in the early negotiations with the Palestinians. Dayan took over in the later stages. Both men are said to recognize the value of an agreement with the Palestinians, as flawed as they might think it to

took a while for the IDF to come to terms with Oslo," a senior officer says. "Now that we have come to grips with it, we don't want to throw it all away."

With IDF plans in the territories built around the prospect of Palestinian cooperation, senior military officers want a viable PA. In recommendations to the

Defense Ministry, the army has proposed increasing the number of Palestinian laborers allowed to work in Israel by up to 60,000. Quietly, the IDF says the closure has been ineffective, particularly around Jerusalem, where thou-sands of Palestinians illegally enter the city to find work. Those caught are quickly released, both for legal reasons as well as for a lack of prison space.

The IDF has also recommended increasing the number of Palestinian trucks and taxis allowed in Israel, as well as issuing more permits for Palestinians to seek medical treatment in the

THE COMMITMENT to future implementation of the accords is not shared, however, by junior officers, particularly those in the field. At staff meetings, many of them are recommending that measures such as redeployment be delayed for as long as possible. Both senior and junior officers

agree that Netanyahu should push the Palestinians to live up to their agreements. Senior officers, including Dayan, feel that the Palestinian Authority shares the assessment that the Palestinians try at every turn to ignore or bend the rules of conduct in the territo-

For the IDF, the thousands of PA security men brandishing submachine guns and supported by armored personnel carriers and a growing fleet of helicopters have become a force to reckon with. The fear is not that the estimated ists - will invade Israel. Rather, the IDF is concerned that if Israel PA will launch hit-and-run attacks in the territories with the aim to strike at settlements and slow down Israeli mobilization.

"For years, our threat assessment has been of a Jordanian attack," a senior officer says. "Now, peace with Jordan has changed that assessment and the focus is on the thousands of Palestinian soldiers located right

Take terrorism. Senior IDF officers acknowledge that PA head Yasser Arafat launched a serious drive against Hamas terrorists following a wave of bus bombings in Israel in March. But within weeks, they say, the effort began

Today, once again, they say,



Arafat is releasing Hamas sus- Israelis in the last year. Once civilian control. Military sources lished a headquarters in the pects and slowing the offensive against Islamic militants. At the same time, the PA is doing nothing to capture members of terrorist cells believed to be operating

against the IDF. One example: A squad of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine has been operating for about eight months in Bethlehem's Dehaishe refugee camp. IDF sources say the gang has shot several times at the Israeli police jeep participating in the joint patrol with the Palestinians. So far, the PA has

not arrested anybody. Another example: A Hamas gang operating in the Halhoul area, north of Hebron, is believed to be responsible for several drive-by shootings that killed four again, the IDF says the PA has not made strenuous efforts to capture the gunmen.

Instead, military sources say, the PA security force is acting against suspected Israeli collaborators. This has hurt Israeli intelligence efforts in foiling the plans and discovering the location of terrorists.

"There are two kinds of cases," an IDF source says. "In one type, we know where the terrorists are and tell the PA and nothing gets done. In the second case, we don't know because we don't have sufficient intelligence."

The IDF also wants to crack down on what it asserts are widespread Palestinian violations in Area B, the part of Judea and Samaria where the PA has only say Palestinian officers routinely ignore the ban of carrying their weapons in both Area B and even Area C, where Israel has full con-

The result is that IDF units have been ordered to hold fire against Palestinians seen brandishing weapons - in case they turn out to be PA officers. The new guidelines are that Israeli soldiers are allowed to act against Palestinians only if they are believed to be preparing to attack.

But the Palestinian violations in Area B go beyond weapons possessions. IDF sources say the PA has established a permanent security presence in Area B that comprises several agencies.

The most disturbing case is what the IDF says is the presence of PA security forces around

Military sources say PA officers, including police and Arafat's Force 17, have secretly estab-

Jerusalem suburbs of Abu Dis and Eizariya. The result is that PA agents now have a base from where they can control Arab life in and around Israel's capital. Both the IDF and the police

have drafted plans to shut down the suspected Palestinian security headquarters. So far. Netanyahu has not made a decision.

Moreover, Netanyahu hasn't convened the IDF leadership for one discussion on the Palestinian accords. His aides say the prime minister has decided not to include officers in negotiations with the Palestinians, in contrast to the previous Labor government which sought to include military officers in all phases of the

Netanyahu's ministers and aides say he is proceeding with extreme caution and is not sending any signals of his intentions on such issues as the IDF redeployment in

"Not only hasn't he decided yet on anything," a government source says, "he even hasn't expressed his views on these

STILL, THE IDF isn't a monolith. Senior officers disagree over when the army should redeploy in Hebron. Some, like Shahak and Dayan, who opposed a redeployment prior to the Israeli elections, now want the IDF to move quickly to encourage the PA to take over the city and fight terrorism. Other officers want the IDF to wait and flush out Hamas terrorists before the PA moves in and provides them with another asy-

Military sources describe this as the classic case of the difference between the officer in headquarters armed with his plans and the field officer who learns the situation through daily experience with the Palestinians.

"The spillover of the argument on the level of commanders reveals the crisis of confidence between the two sides," writes an officer identified only as Lt.-Col. Kobi in the IDF magazine Ma'arachot. "IDF commanders have a difficult time accepting the Palestinian withdrawal from agreements achieved and their apparent insensitivity to the new security situation."

But both groups of officers agree that Hebron has become a hotbed of Hamas terrorism waiting to explode. Shahak and Dayan, IDF sources say, want the Netanyahu government to make redeployment in the city linked to a PA offensive against terrorists in

"Hamas is lying low but it is constantly testing us in the field," a security source says.

"Their activists are studying our responses so when they are ordered to attack they will be effective.

Rotem, the Besa Center researcher, says the key figure in translating the IDF recommendations into action will be Defense

Minister Yitzhak Mordechai A member of the general staff and head of all three IDF area commands until last year, Mordechai knows virtually every senior and mid-ranking officer in the field.

The concern of those such as Shahak and Dayan is that Mordechai will ignore them and accept the recommendations of their subordinates on such issues as Hebron and further redeploy-

Rotem warns against considering such an approach in the interest of preserving the integrity of the general staff.

"There is no alternative to the work and planning of the general staff," he says. "The position of junior officers could be very respected, but their vision is limited. It doesn't mean that the junior officers aren't correct. But it does mean that the general staff can't

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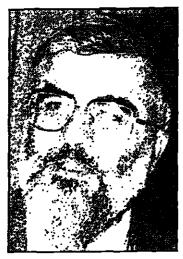
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Were they well taught by their grandmothers?

few years ago, when MK Rabbi Moshe Ze'ev Feldman (Agudat Yisrael) was asked why he felt qualified to chair the Knesset Finance Committee, he gave the stunningly



House committee head Raphael Pinhasi has plenty of experience in lifting immunity.

simple answer. "My grandmother taught me everything I need to

That was in the 12th Knesset. The reasoning behind some of the appointments of committee heads in this, the 14th Knesset, is equally valid. The appointment of MK Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) to the Knesset House



Sabra Naomi Blumenthal, not a new immigrant, heads the absorption panel.

Committee, for example, could be considered a good match - of sorts. This is the committee which decides whether or not to lift an MK's immunity. Few can compete with Pinhasi's experience in this

The first time he went through this procedure, to face charges of fraud and falsifying documents, was in 1993. Although the committee and plenum agreed to lift his immunity, Pinhasi filed a High Court petition and a revote was taken on the grounds that the original plenum vote had not met the rules of due process. In the revote, Pinhasi's immunity remained

Now Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair has asked the House to lift Pinhasi's immunity again to face the same charges. And Pinhasi has again appealed the request.

Pinhasi's appointment has been challenged in the High Court by the Movement for Quality Government and by Meretz, and he is willing to make one concession: "Even though a legal opinion I received indicated there is no reason I should not chair the commit-



Maxim Levy's qualification for labor and social affairs head is a stint as Lod mayor.

tee - even during debates on lifting political immunity - I decided to announce my intention at this stage not to do so, in order to prevent slanderous talk," he says.

Compared with the Pinhasi case, interest in the qualifications of the new chairman of the Knesset Interior and Environment Committee Sallah Tarif (Labor) is The 12 MKs who chair Knesset committees are not necessarily experts in their fields, but that doesn't worry them, Liat Collins writes

understandably muted. His last position as deputy interior minister made him a natural candidate for the committee chair. And his opening speech, in which he promised to stress environmental issues, was considered promising by conservation groups. Animal rights organizations, on the other hand, were more cynical in view of the fact that Tarif's immunity has been lifted to face charges of illegal hunting.



Interior and environment panel head Sallah Tarif isn't worried about illegal hunting charges.

Neither Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar nor Tarif seems worried by the pending charges. Inbar says this is not "a crime of moral turpitude. Tarif had expressed regret and asked his immunity be lifted to face charges, admitting he had done wrong. I think we can take this into account." Tarif says he believes the whole episode to be behind him.

Inbar downplayed a suggestion that hunting without a firearm license while holding a top position in the ministry in charge of weapons licensing is like driving without a driver's license while serving in a key post in the Transportation Ministry. "These things happen," he says. "We're all

PINHASI AND Tarif are not the only two who fear convictions of the nonpolitical kind. Under a rotation system devised by the Labor faction to give as many of its MKs as possible a chance in the top spots, MK Avi Yehezkel is due to replace Eli Goldschmidt as head of the Knesset Economics Committee. That's if he doesn't go

Yehezkel is facing corruption With these MKs and others in mind, Michael Eitan (Likud), acting head of the Knesset House Committee, this week pushed for an amendment to the House rules which would enable MKs to prevent colleagues from holding key positions while facing serious charges.

"The amendment is necessary to renew public confidence in the elected leaders," he says, "But we must remember to balance this by abiding by the principle that a person is considered innocent until proven guilty; simply being allegedly involved in a crime does not disqualify someone from holding a post in the future."

Eli Ben-Menahem (Labor) can relate to that. He is expected to be appointed to chair the Knesset War on Drugs Committee this week. In the last Knesset he went through the harrowing experience of having his political immunity lifted to



War-on-drugs chief Eli Ben-Menahem has fought against the spread of substance abuse.



Economics panel chairman Eli Goldschmidt has experience with kibbutz industries.



Law committee head Shaul Yahalom may have a BA but isn't a lawyer.



Education committee chairman Emanuel Zissman isn't an educator but is a father of 4.

face assault charges. After several emotionally draining hearings in the Knesset House Committee. during which Ben-Menahem was moved to tears, the attorney-gener-

His career has recovered from the hiccup and he is considered a well-qualified candidate for the drugs committee as he spent several years as a resident activist in Tel Aviv's blue-collar Kfar Shalem

al decided to drop the charges.



Foreign affairs and defense head Uzi Landau is one of the few leak-proof MKs.

neighborhood and chairman of the Tel Aviv Neighborhoods Forum, where he fought against the spread of substance abuse.

KIBBUTZNIK AND lawyer Eli Goldschmidt (Labor) is a previous chairman of the Knesset House Committee. This year he is chairing the economics committee responsible for "just about all the issues that have transferred to Arik Sharon's [National Infrastructure] Ministry and a bit more."

Describing his qualifications, he notes that he has experience working with the kibbutz industries and "many legal matters I dealt with were related to economic issues." There is no shortage of lawyers

in the House. But not one of them heads the Knesset Law Committee That's chaired by Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) whose BA is in education and economics, and whose profession is listed in the Knesset's Who's Who as . journal-

Former justice minister David Liba'i told the last Knesset that it is essential for a lawyer to head the law committee, but he made an exception for Dedi Zucker (Meretz). Four years later, it is easy to forget that Zucker does not have formal legal training, he so took to the committee's work. Yahalom might also prove able to overcome a lack of qualifications.

While educator Yahalom is in charge of the law committee, the education committee is chaired by Emanuel Zissmann (The Third Way), whose qualifications for the post include being the father of four children and having previously headed the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee. He was also an active Jerusalem councillor for many years. His old committee has been

taken over by Naomi Blumenthal (Likud). Initially it seems strange that with a party of immigrants holding seven Knesset seats, it is a native-born Israeli who heads the committee in charge of absorption. The reason is the unwritten rule which says the same party can't hold both a ministry and the

Knesset committee which monitors it, ruling out Yisrael Ba'aliya from the committee chair.

Little in Blumenthal's past points to this particular seat. She lists her career in the Knesset's Who's Who as "businesswoman." Her BA is in criminology and political science but when she talks of "left wing" and "right wing" she is as likely to be referring to stage directions.

A graduate of the Beit Zvi Stage School, Blumenthal was a found-ing member of the Beersheba Theater Before joining the Knesset in 1992 she was an active member of the Israel Women's Network. Possible criticism of her holding the absorption post has been deflected by the fact her parliamentary activities have been marked by a focus on social-welfare issues which are common to immigrants and oldtimers. Also, several diverse movements pushed for her to be Knesset speaker - a job which, she confesses, didn't interest her.

Blumenthal was considered for the labor and social affairs committee but that was taken by



Coalition critic Ran Cohen is in a natural post - head of the state comptroller's committee.

Maxim Levy (Gesher). Among his qualifications are being brother of Foreign Minister and Gesher leader David Levy and a long stint as mayor of Lod. He believes that chairing a municipality is a good enough preparation for preparing a Knesset committee.

UZI LANDAU (Likud), an oldtimer in the Knesset, is better suited to his position as chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee than his resume suggests. He has degrees in planning and transportation from the Technion and MIT (where he reportedly discovered the potential of student Binyamin

His military career was spent in me Paratroop Cords, which he left with the rank of major. In a Knesset brimming with generals and a couple of former chiefs of staff, Landau is not the MK with the highest military rank, but his Knesset career includes stints on the foreign affairs and defense committee and as chairman of its subcomittee on secret services. Landau remains secretive and is

a little too well-suited for the position as far as parliamentary reporters are concerned. He is one of those few MKs who is leak-proof. Landau has a secret of his own. He is a closet environmentalist. He is a board member of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, which would have liked to see him as environment minister

MK Col. (res.) Ran Cohen (Meretz) tried for the foreign affairs and defense committee when the chairman's position became vacant at the end of the 13th Knesset. He didn't get it then and he hasn't got it now. But he has been given the chair of the state compiroller's committee.

Before reaching the Knesset in 1984, his public career included a period as chairman of the CRM



Finance panel head Avraham Ravitz says to ask his enemies whether he's suitable for the job.

faction within the Histadrut, and as chairman of a nonprofit organiza-tion for drug rehabilitation. Apart from experience as an active mem-ber on several Knesset committees, Cohen has a natural aptitude for the job. There is nothing Ran likes better than to criticize the coalition and this is the ideal spot," said one observer.



Yael Dayan, one of nine female MKs, heads the statusof-women panel.

ment is the head of the committee for the status of women, although given the number of female MKs (nine) the choice was not too difficult. The committee is currently chaired by women's rights champion Yael Dayan (Labor) who will be replaced later by Marina Solodkin (Yisrael Ba'aliya) under a rotation agreement.

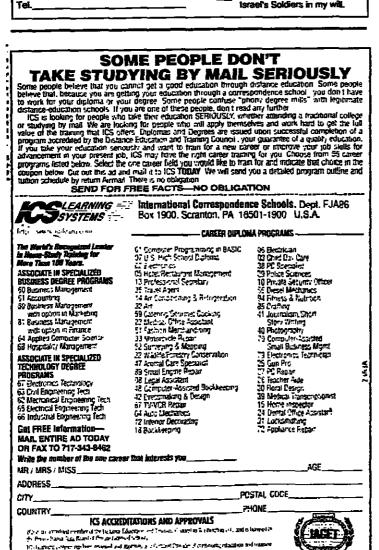
All the committee chairpersons un common: They complain of a lack of funds for the areas under their jurisdiction. Which brings us back to money and the finance committee, now chaired by Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism).

Ravitz is a rabbi and educator by training and a politician by nature. He laughs when reminded of Feldman's description of how his grandmother had prepared him for the post but can't think of any better reason.

I don't think I'm the right person to ask whether or not I'm suitable for the job," he says. "I've been a committee member in the past but being chairman is a whole different story. I can only say I'm trying very hard to learn it and I discuss issues with the committee members. If you want to know whether or not I'm suitable I suppose you should ask them. But if you want the real answer, ask my enemies."

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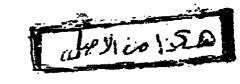
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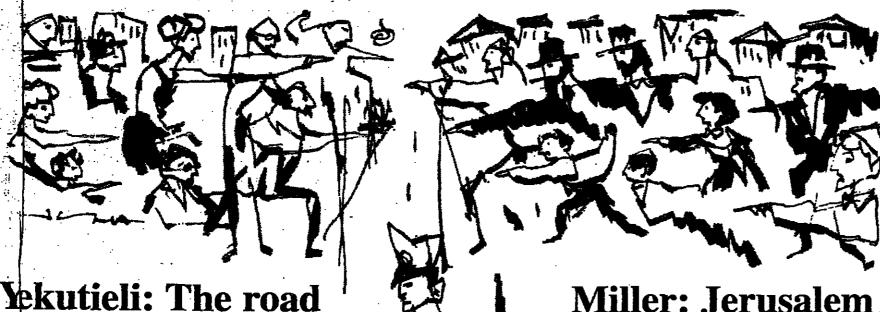
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Conflict on Rehov Bar-Ilan: Shabbat, but no shalom



a 'new Teheran'

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Yekudi: Miller has a list of 20 me roads to close.

(Rein Healler)

mar step toward becoming a mar step toward becoming a "ny Teheran" if the city's haredicaders succeed in closing Bar-II Street on Shabbat. That is the potion of Oman Yekutieli, the Jusalem councillor and Meretiaction leader in the city who; I the past decade, has led the bare of the city's secular residents gainst the demands of the haredi

Yekneli and many of those who wat to keep the street open on Shibat see the struggle in terms (the city's "cultural wars." In the 180s, the battles were over the oping of Jerusalem's cinemas, ces and pubs, which were all cled on Shabbat. Yekutieli says the battles were won, but that thwar is still raging.

"In he early 1980s, 15,000 [Jerusem] youths were going to Tel Av every weekend. But that phenomon is finished. There are cinear open on Friday night in Jerusem, discos, theater, even music. Shabbat – you have whateveyou want. In all these battles, he secular population

Today te fruits of those victories are bing threatened, according to te 1)-year-old Yekutieli.
"Nowth wheel is going backwards, and fast," he says.
"Jerussem's the city that symbol-

"Jerussem's the city that symbolizes of country. In France you have its in laris, and in England, Londo ... prusalem is our face to the utsid world, Jewish and non-Jerish.

"Themeston is whether what Jerusalm is showing the world today rational, cultural, of the 20th cutury, and looking forward toward to the 21st century, or what p are showing barks back

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to the Middle Ages. "The question is whether we want to take a big step toward Teheran, or to continue in the direction of the Western world."

In Yekutieli's view, closing Bar-Ilan Street would be a victory for religious fanaticism. As for the suggested prayer-times closure, he says at best this would leave the road open for only a few hours, and at worst it would be the first step towards the road's closure.

Haredi leaders have already declared that they won't be satisfied with the partial closure, according to Yekutieli. "[Deputy Mayor] Haim Miller has already declared that he has a list of 20 more roads he wants closed," including the highway that passes the new haredi neighborhood, Shuafat Ridge, that is meant to be an alternative to Bar-Ilan Street. "If Bar-Ilan Street were not a thoroughfare for 60,000 residents of north Jerusalem and another 60,000 residents of south Jerusalem, I would not oppose it being closed."

Yekutieli says the figures presented by closure proponents showing that Bar-Ilan Street is littie used on Shabbat are farcical – drivers are afraid to travel on the road because of haredi stonethrowers. "Today, many drivers prefer to add half an hour to their trips and use other roads, so they or their kids won't get their heads cracked by a stone.

"In a democratic state they don't allow people to throw stones on a road for [all this time], and make drivers frightened to travel there. If the stone-throwing were in an Arab neighborhood, you can be sure that by now they wouldn't be throwing even pebbles there."

Jerusalem police chief Cmdr.
Arye Amit charged Yekutieli with
provoking the haredim by organizing a motorcade that drove up
and down Bar-Ilan Street last
Saturday afternoon.

Yekutieli says the motorcade was not meant as a provocation, and that tomorrow's protest is to be held several meters away from the street. "For the past decade, all the acts of violence have been from the baredi side,"

Yekufieli says the best way to resolve the controversy is to build several pedestrian overpasses that would allow haredi residents to cross the road undisturbed by Shabbat traffic.

"It is clear that we have to live together in this city, and that life here is filled with compromises," he says.

he says.

The problem is that, at least for now, the haredim reject his compromise, and he and other secular leaders reject theirs.



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that Bar-Ilan Street be closed is spirited by the desire to ensure Jerusalem remain a "holy city," rather than just another city in the world plagued by crime and debauchery.

That, according to Jerusalem

Deputy Mayor Haim Miller, who heads the United Torah Judaism faction on the city council, sums up the haredi position on the controversy over whether the street should be closed on Shabbat.

"I don't have plans to disturb the

secular population," Miller claimed, in reaction to charges that this was just the first in a long list of actions haredi leaders would demand from the new government.

Miller is quick to point out that

the Labor Party also promised UTJ that it would close Bar-llan Street if party leader Shimon Peres was reelected. Labor Party officials confirmed this.

The 33-year-old deputy mayor's

The 33-year-old deputy mayor's argument is that most of the population — both religious and non-religious — support closure during Shabbat prayer times.

"I am certain that most of the population in Jerusalem is counting on us to ensure that Jerusalem doesn't become like Tel Aviv, that there won't be prostitution and drugs," Miller says.

"The Icital coalition agreement

"The [city] coalition agreement calls for the closure of roads where 100 percent of the population is haredi," Miller adds. Barllan Street is 100 percent haredi, and therefore should be closed, he says. There are a number of roads in other haredi neighborhoods, such as Sha'arei Hesed, and parts of Mekor Baruch, that also meet the Shabbat closure criteria, according to Miller.

The present coalition agreement on Shabbat road closings "is an exact copy of the agreement under Teddy Kollek, when about 300 roads were closed, including major thoroughfares," Miller

says.

He strongly denies allegations haredi leaders will demand the closure of the highway that runs by the new haredi neighborhood at Shuafat Ridge, or that the haredim see the Shabbat prayertimes closure of Bar-Ilan Street as the first stage towards the road's complete closure.

"We aren't going to touch the plate of the secular population," Miller says. "On the contrary, we have to do everything to bring more Jews to live here."

The issue of the fleeing of secu-

lar Jews from Jerusalem in recent years is a particularly sore point with Miller. He says haredim have been wrongly blamed. "Not a single secular person left because of



Miller: 'Evil' Yekutieli is creating tension. (Zvi Friedman)

religious subjects. They left because of economic and housing problems," he claims.

Miller blames Meretz for "scaring people" into believing that the haredim have outrageous demands in Jerusalem, when all they want is to ensure a peaceful life in their neighborhoods. He calls Meretz City Councillor Ornan Yekutieli an "evil person" for "creating tension at Bar-Ilan Street," and "a hypocrite" for allegedly not blocking Shabbat road closures when he was in the city government.

Miller also blames the media for "exaggerating" the size of haredi protests at Bar-Ilan Street and the number of stonings, saying the protests were smaller than reported, and there were "only one or two stone-throwers."

"I strongly condemn such behavior. I don't understand it, and I think that it is criminal," he says of the stone-throwers. "But in every community there are delinquent youths who are looking for action."

ing for action."

As for the secular residents who use Bar-Ilan Street, Miller calls for their understanding, while downplaying their suffering. "Please, just drive a different way and take an extra two, three, or maybe five minutes, so that we can live as Jews side by side in Jerusalem," he says.

Miller promises quiet from the haredi side until the High Court ruling on the Transportation Ministry decision to close Barllan Street during a total of seven hours of Shabbat prayer times. But if the court rules against the closure, the haredim are likely to file their own petition, he says. "I can't accept that in Tel Aviv they close a road [Dizengoff] on Shabbat for pubs and cafes, while in Jerusalem they won't allow a road to be closed because of prayer."

Seasonal issues

The long hours of Shabbat in the summer months provide an opportunity for haredim to take to the streets with their demands, Haim Shapiro writes

Summer is the perfect time for haredi demonstrations, according to Prof. Menachem Friedman, an expert in haredi society.

On Shabbar, there are the long hours after dinner, after the Shabbat nap, when everyone "parades" up and down the street. It is a time when everyone goes out, and if something is happening, everyone wants to see what is going on, says the Bar-Ilan University sociologist.

But haredim don't always demonstrate in the summer, it only happens when there is an issue concerning the haredim in the public eye, he says.

The question of whether lerusalem's Bar-Ilan Street should be closed to traffic on Shabbat is a perfect issue. The hundreds of families living in the large apartment houses which flank it on either side are all haredim. For years, they have been demanding the closure of the road. Opponents have maintained that the four-lane highway is a major artery, the link between such neighborhoods as Ramat Eshkol and French Hill and the Tel Aviv highway.

Last week, Transportation
Minister Yitzhak Levy announced
a compromise whereby the street
would be closed during synagogue services, but open during
other hours. At that time, Yehuda
Meshi-Zahav, "operations officer"
of the Eda Haredit, said there
would be no demonstrations, even
if Meretz held its own demonstration, with convoys of cars driving
up and down the street.

However, following a petition by secular activists, the High Court of Justice issued an injunction keeping the street from being closed, and the haredi demonstrators came out in full force.

An estimated 10,000 demonstrators threw stones and garbage, including dirty diapers, at cars and police. Ten people were arrested and the haredi leaders charged the police with brutality.

Friedman says Levy's compromise might have been accepted by the haredim before last week's disturbances, but it is doubtful if it would be accepted now, especially with the newfound power of the religious parties following the last elections.

"It is clear that the haredim are now on top. You could have closed the street with peace [only] during services, but not now," he says.

THE SUMMER haredi demonstrations in Jerusalem began in the 1950s over the issue of a public swimming pool with mixed swimming, says Hebrew University sociologist, Prof. Moshe Lissak, an expert on Israeli society. At that time, he recalls, it was kibbutz activists who clashed with the haredim. Now, it is Meretz supporters.

In the 1950s, he says, the haredim saw themselves as under threat from a socialist government out to destroy them. However, he adds, over the years the haredim grew demographically and conquered area after area. As soon as they became the majority, they tried to establish the rules about who could come and go, especially on Shabbat, but not just on Shabbat.

Even Bar-Ilan Street, Lissak says, was previously a street with a mixed, mostly traditional population. But the secular and even the non-haredi traditional residents left, because life was not easy for them. On the one hand,

he says, they were subject to what he describes as "moderate physical pressure" not to use their cars, radios or TVs on Shabbat. On the other hand, the haredim were willing to pay higher prices for the

Lissak says that as long as the haredim continue to grow and believe that the government is backing them, they will not let up the pressure. It is only a matter of time, he says, before they continue to expand. On the secular side, on the other hand, there is only a small nucleus of demonstrators They are not organized around yeshivot or the courts of Hassidic rebbes like the haredim and they do not have the strength to continue the struggle for long periods. Lissak says that Meretz, for example, can get supporters to vote for it, but it has trouble bringing people out to demonstrate, especially when there is an element of physical danger involved.

Lissak says both sides now clearly want to set the cultural and geographical borders between the haredi and the secular areas.

As Lissak sees it, the secular public would rather circumvent the haredim than face them in a confrontation. Dozens of streets have been closed in Jerusalem, he says, and people put up with it. If the haredim are willing to put up with pubs or movies open on Friday night, it is because they view such activities as "distant," even if the distance is only three or four kilometers.

Indeed, the area around Mea She'arim is a semi-autonomous enclave where not only would no one dream of driving on Shabbat, but women will be careful about whether they are wearing "immodest" clothing.

"As a citizen I am not happy about it, but as a sociologist I see it as part of the political culture of Israel," Lissak says.

Friedman, on the other hand,

says that eventually Bar-Ilan Street will be closed on Shabbat, but he does not see that as an indication of haredi encroachment. On the contrary, he says, for all intents and purposes Jerusalem has become a secular city during the past few years, just as Israel has become a secular country. In the rest of the country, many

of the big malls are open on Shabbat, and even Jerusalem has undergone a secular revolution, he says. Friedman says that Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai of Shas will no doubt try to turn back the clock, but the degree to which he will succeed is an open question.

As for the secular demonstrators in Bar-Ilan Street, Friedman says they are partially motivated by the recent election results, which they see as a victory for the religious parties.

There is also the opportunity to

have a bit of adventure without encountering any real danger, he says. By comparison with the intifada or the recent riots in Northern Ireland, he says, what is happening in Bar-Ilan Street is very peaceful.

Friedman recalls seeing television footage of secular activists rolling down their car windows and shouting "shabbes" at the haredi demonstrators, something they would not dare to do in a really dangerous situation. The media may talk of violence, he says, but we should keep a sense of proportion.

"Jerusalem isn't Nablus and it isn't Londonderry," he says.



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Buenos Aires's recovery helped by its 'twin' city

HE news last weekend that 11 Buenos Aires police officers have been arrested and six more are being sought for aiding those behind the 1994 carbomb attack on the city's Jewish center, serves as a stark reminder: that exactly two years after the worst act against Diaspora Jews since the Second World War, no one has been brought to justice.

The attack, on the building of the Argentine Jewish Mutual Aid Association (AMIA), killed 86 and injured around 300. Most of those killed were Jewish professionals and support staff, dealing the community an organizational blow as well as a human tragedy.

Hopes of finding the perpetrators have been raised before. Last year, in a move that eventually came to nothing, a judge said nine army officers detained for questioning may have sold the explosives to whoever was responsible. Few expect much to come of this new development, and that the killers are still at large only adds to the

community's woes.

But out of this catastrophe one hopeful and potentially groundbreaking development has emerged, one that could herald an ideological sea change in Israel's relations with the Diaspora. In the first project of its kind, rather than try and encourage aliva, an Israeli governmental body is officially helping to rebuild a Diaspora com-

Through its social services department, and with the full backing of Mayor Ronni Milo, the municipality of Tel Aviv. which is twinned with Buenos Aires, is offering technical and professional

Two years after the Argentine bombing, Tel Aviv is lending a helping hand. Tom Gross reports

know-how and support to reconstruct, improve even, the workings of Buenos Aires's Jewish community. Ze'ev Friedman, director of Tel Aviv social services, calls it "2 historical breakthrough."

Traditionally the relationship between Israelis and our Jewish brothers abroad has not been a partnership on an equal level.

"We came to discussions as an underdog and asked for money. We said Israel is a developing country, please help. Now we are rewriting the arrangement. "In most cases when towns are

twinned it's merely a symbolic act.
"Not so now," says Friedman. This is no ritual, but something tangible, something practical. We used the experience we gained after the No. 5 bus bomb [in Dizengoff Street in October

Nevertheless, it seems that even in an age many label as post-Zionist, a guiding hand is still needed from the country that continues to have the world's largest Jewish population, the United

The Buenos Aires project is a triangular partnership, with the American Jewish Joint Joint Distribution Committee giving the cash, while Tel Aviv provides the

know-how. Friedman, who visited Buenos Aires last year, says he was sur-prised to find how advanced Israel now is. "The computerization in Buenos Aires, for example, is far behind Tel Aviv," he noted.

There are three tracks to the relationship: "crisis intervention" (coping with the practical and psychological consequences of an attack); social technology (dealing with elderly people, the handicapped, orphans, etc.); and voluntarism.

Friedman says that "No real system of voluntarism existed in Argentina before. Offering time to maintain education, culture and social networks is now vital to the community's survival. Because of the dictatorship, people were afraid to do anything before and never developed the mentality of popular

This spring, a team of Tel Aviv social workers set up a substructure for voluntary networks in the six main Argentinian Jewish commu-

BUT A lot remains to be done. Not only were lives lost, but the building itself, an elegant, sturdily built, seven-story brick-and-marble building which for 50 years had served as the cornerstone of the largest Jewish community in Latin America, was mourned,

The Argentinian Jewish poet Eliahu Toker wrote after the attack, "Not only people died that July day - a building was assassinated ... the atmosphere, the shades and phantoms that dwelt in the rooms ... at

Equally irreplaceable were the 100-year old archives of the community (which had not yet been saved on microfilm and computer as had been planned), together with a Jewish library brought from Vilna, and other literary treasures, all lost in the rubble.

Reconstruction of the actual building is still not complete, and the community continues to work out of temporary offices. A cornerstone for a new community center on the same spot where the old one stood was laid last year, a slab of white marble inscribed in Spanish and Hebrew with a verse from the

"The Argentinians take things slowly, it's a mentality of mariana. We had new buildings within 18 months of Scud attacks," says Friedman.

In the past, Israel has been accused of not pulling its weight in the Diaspora outside the context of Zionist or aliya-related work. But as Israel has established relations with more and more countries in the last four years, it is also now in the process of reappraising its relations with the Diaspora.

There is an increasing recognition of the important role Diaspora communities can play for Israel in fostering closer links and contacts with other governments, and also in forging economic contacts.

"Although the ideology is that all Jews should come to Israel, the reality is that 200,000 Jews remain in Buenos Aires," says Friedman. They are in economic and psychological crisis because of the bombs. They are scared of what tomorrow might bring." Hizbullah and other hostile organizations still have training basis in Latin America.

"Yes, Israel should still promote aliya, but it also needs to help them survive. So I did not say one word about aliya when I went there."

A Spanish-speaking member of Tel Aviv council, Smadar Spearman, who is playing an instrumental role in coordinating the project, says "Israel is the center of the Jewish world, we must help them."

The next stage of the project will see 30 or 40 community leaders from Buenos Aires coming to Tel Aviv next January.

"We will match professionals psychologists with psychologists, educators with educators, social workers with social workers, to learn from each other and also to socialize and create an informal partnership," says Spearman. They will see first-hand how we

Spearman says she found on her two visits since the project was initiated that the community was still very nervous. Enhanced security measures are being provided both by the police and private compa-

In some 70 Jewish schools, classrooms have been moved from the front of the school to the back. away from the street. Jewish buildings are now easily identified by their protective concrete barriers. "Security's even greater than in Israel," says Spearman. "It is all

very depressing for a community that is used to living openly.' Yet Friedman is optimistic the community will be rebuilt. They

are warm, nice people. They are hospitable, informal even by Israeli standards. "And we hope that ours can serve

as a model that can be used by other Israeli municipalities and Diaspora communities in the future - not just after some attack."

dangerous than they appear? Two people have drowned off the Mediterranean coast this summer, and the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality is worried a lifeguard strike may worsen the situation, writes Jessica Steinberg

T'S another hot, sumny day in July, and on the Tel Aviv beach the sun worshipers are out in full force, basking in those ultraviolet rays. In the water, most of the swimmers are frolicking in the ocean's shallow depths, while a few intrepid souls are pout.

amongst the waves swimming against the tide.

Sitting in his towering lifeguard chair, Moshe Berkowitz looks out onto the ocean, megaphone in hand, ready to call in anyone who ventures out too far.

"There's always some thinks that they can handle any wave," he says, gesturing toward the water. "But for the most part, we don't have any real problems out here during the day. It's either Israelis who are usually good swimmers, or tourists who go in for a quick dip to cool off."

Three lifeguards are on duty at each of the 16 beaches along the Tel Aviv shoreline, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. during the beach season, which extends from May 1 until October 1.

Drownings are infrequent in this area, but not improbable. In the '96 season alone, there have already been two Tel Aviv drownings, both in mid-May.

A recent Interior Ministry report, dated July 1, states that there have been a total of 18 drownings during this season, occurring along the beaches from Ashkelon and Ashdod to Hadera and Haifa. Avi Steinmetz, a deputy director

Municipality, lets out a frustrated sigh when speaking about this season's drownings. While the figures haven't increased radically over the past few seasons, the causes and victims present a par-

Life-and-death drama on a Tel Aviv beach. Drownings are still a worrisome challenge, larticularly those that occur on lifeguards' 'off' hours. (West Bram)

Tel Aviv beaches: More

ticular challenge.

First of all, most of the victims drown because they re swimining in areas that are closed off or diring non-lifeguard hours," he says. "And in recent years they've usually been new immigrants or foreign workers who have never lived near the ocean and have no idea how to handle it."

Some victims are Arabs who go in the water wearing clothing for religious reasons, and then get caught up in the rising tide, or visiting Jordanians who have never swum in an ocean. The lifeguards have taken to greeting busloads of Arabs, to give them swimming instructions before they hit the beach.

The municipality has also printed signs in Hebrew, Arabic and Russian, warning swimmers to refrain from entering certain areas of the water. But sometimes it's to no avail, Steinmetz says.

"The Arabs like to swim in secluded areas because they're modest, and the Romanian workers like to come down to the beach at night," he says. "Sometimes they've been drinking, which creates a lethal combination. And then there are the Eastern Europeans who think they know how to swim and go beyond the

roped-off areas." For the most part, Isralis are not among the victims, Stinmetz says. Most of them grew u going to the beach and have leaned to respect the ocean. As or the

haredim, they don't have to same modesty issues as the Arabs because there are several eaches that have separate swimming daysfor men and women. ald, he adds, the haredim tend to lade in the water up to their knee without dipping in for a full svim.

DURING THIS particult week in mid-July, Steinmetz isacing a new issue: striking lifeuards. Since the proposed budge cuts, the lifeguards have been hortening their hours, leaving at 2:30 p.m. and therefore heightning the safety issue. And, in a fee days, there's a possibility of a full-

blown strike. "I think they're makir a big mistake," Steinmetz say of the lifeguard strike. "They mke NIS 10.000 a month and gt three months' vacation. That more than I make."

To make matters worseit's the middle of the high season ad that angers Steinmetz and hisnunici-

pality colleagues.
"We've decided to playardball with them if that's what comes down to," he says. "The want to strong-arm us with theinigh-season tactics, but we're negoing to let them."

Back on the beach at 2 noon, the lifeguards are out infill force. scanning the waters for possible trouble. It's a serene sere and if one squints a little, he slightly pudgy lifeguard sporting aSpeedo almost resembles one if the actors from Baywatch. Airmst, but not

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"Ah, they're making a ig deal over nothing," says one leguard who wouldn't give his naie. "No one's going to drown outhere in the middle of the afternoon, it's only the tourists and te oldtimers, and they don't tre any

"Listen," he says, "there nothing worse than getting to the beach in the morning and inding out that someone drownedluring the night. But it's usually freak accident, and we're doingall we can to educate beach-goerabout the hazards of the ocean."

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A dark history of antisemitism

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After Juan Peron, a known Nazi sympathizer, came to power in 1946, the country became a safe haven for over 1,000 suspected Nazi war criminals and collaborators, the most notorious of whom, Adolf Eichmann, was captured by the Mossad in During the military junta of 1976-83, of the

than I percent of the population) were often singled out for "special handling." In contrast, today's president, Carlos Menem,

9,000 people who "disappeared," 1,000 were Jews.

According to the state commission set up after

democracy had returned, Jews (wh

who came to power in 1989, has (despite his Arab origins) taken a decidedly pro-Jewish stance on several issues and is popular among Argentinian Jews. He has opened up government files on wanted Nazis who fled to Argentina after World War II and has apologized to Jews for Argentina's past

Yet despite repeated promises that an intensive and relentless investigation to apprehend the perpetrators of the attacks on both the Jewish and Îsraeli targets would be carried out, critics charge that little has been done to find those responsible.

Even today, suspicions abound that there are many antisemites in high places in Argentina. Only last week, the Justice Minister, Rodolfo Barra, was forced to resign after newspapers published photos of him giving a raised-arm Hitler salute when he was a young man. And in February, the Uruguayan Alois Brunner - now the world's most sought-after Nazi war criminal - had recently fled Syria and is now in Argentina.

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dream of returning to the hospital, this time as a doctor, who at one time came close to death, but with Grd is help was saved. In this way, I can lend a hand in helping those who are suffering, particularly children who unfortunately have been stricken with the same devastating liness that I had. Having been through this myself. I understand how precious life becomes for the suffering child.

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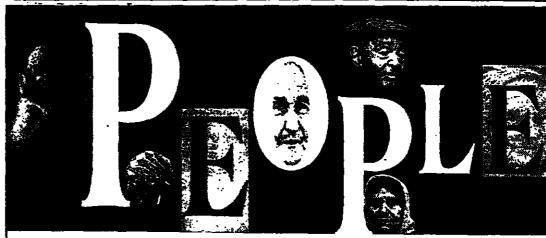
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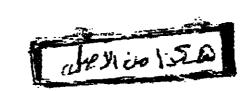
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The model for modern Israel should not be the shtetl

O have one opponent is unfortunate. To have dozens sounds like carelessness, to paraphrase Oscar Wilde.

Since Wilde was Irish, let's take his people, for example. A small country, Ireland has made great play for centuries of its invasion and occupation by its imperial neighbor.

But when I first set out on a lifetime of traveling, I was somewhat struck by the phenomenon that while sniping between Hibernia and the perfidious Albion seemed doomed to be eternal, the argumentative Irish seemed to irritate no one else greatly.

Like the Jews, there were more of them overseas than at home. Yet, apart from the odd few sociopaths that every nation is cursed with, their standing in the world seemed benevolent and secure.

As a small nation the Irish threatened no one. As committed patriots they earned respect. As a multi-talented lot, they generated some curiosity. And as sociable characters, they settled equally well in Lithuania or Long Island.

When I came to Israel, I liked it. and it seemed familiar - a small country of humane and talented people, suffused with patriotism born out of suffering, with most of their distant relatives somewhere

But the truly odd difference was that they seemed to be at odds with the world. The Jews' fight for a homeland after emerging from near destruction was as courageous as any in history. Their contribution to the higher levels of human achievement was remarkable.

So where were all the admiring international friends? Pretty thin on the ground, really.

There was America of course but at the time I was settling in, Yitzhak Shamir was engaged in some snarling with the George Bush administration. National relations with Europe were distinctly cool. Forget the Arabs. Africa was let down by some unseemly cozying up to the unsavory apartheid junta down south. The Soviet bloc apart from some more unseemly cooing with the obnoxious Romanian dictator - was out. Asia

In the past four years, all that has changed, in the most startling overhaul of international relations any country has ever seen. The opening of diplomatic missions, the endless stream of foreign officials and state visits has so overwhelmed the media that what was once a sure front-page diplomatic story may be lucky to make it to the "for the

And at the end of it all came the

undreamed of final thaw: the noxious Arab trade boycott faded away, there was talk of trade missions in Oman and Qatar, a peace treaty was signed with Jordan, comines and goings between Israel, Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt became routine. There were even face-to-face chats

with the surly Syrians. On a visit to India last year, it was startling to hear urchin hustlers around the Taj Mahal and in New Delhi markets making their pitch in rudimentary Hebrew as they established that tourists were French, or English, or German - or Israeli.

The inauguration of the El Al flights to India seemed as extraordinary, and much more significant than the presence of an Omani sultan in Jerusalem.

This opening up of Asia, with the formerly hostile China and India as the jewels in the crown of international relations, meant Israel had arrived, long overdue, and at long last. Whatever happened in the notorious "peace process," there would be no going back.

OR SO it seemed. It seems so no

longer.
"When my country takes its place among the nations of the earth, then and not till then, let my epitaph be written," said the Irish patriot Robert Emmet before his execution

GUEST COLUMNIST TOM O'DWYER

by the British in 1803. It has always seemed a fine definition of a nation's true independence and earned respect.

In other words, foreign policy is as important as domestic policy, it defines domestic policy. International relations are the measure of a nation's stature in its own eyes, no less than in those of the world.

Take note, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, for the signals coming out of Jerusalem in the last three weeks are very disturbing indeed. Those who have spent their lives in the field of international relations, either reporting them in the media, or forming them in the diplomatic service, are getting distinctly uneasy.

At a fairly comprehensive gathering of the diplomatic corps for the French Bastille Day this week, the mutterings were dark indeed. The question was, are we going to see more of the old fortress Israel than the Israel of new frontiers? They

What Israel does about its domestic affairs and indeed its relations with the Palestinians is very much Israel's business, though the world feels as free to comment on it as the freewheeling Israeli press

does on strikes in France or war in Bosnia or elections in America.

What it does about its foreign policy is everybody's business. On the edge of the 21st century and the global village, some things will not do any more. "The world is against us" will not do. "You can't trust the French or the Brits or the Russians or the (fill in the blanks)" will not do. "The world's media is antise-

mitic" will not do. You cannot deal with Arabs unless they all democratize" most assuredly will not do. Many of us who lived in the Arab Gulf or Maghreb for some time can testify that one can live with, work with, and deal with Arabs very well and very closely indeed. It seems we've been able to deal with King Hussein and Hosni Mubarak and King Hassan quite well.

And if democracy is the be all and end all, why not tell China to cancel all our deals until its gets its democracy together?

If we are taught when young to approach every question with an open mind, why do politicians grow up to approach every question with an open mouth?

The model for modern Israel is not the shteti. If Israel wants to renew hostility to friend and foe alike, then it will certainly be reciprocated. But it is no excuse to say

hostility to Israel is innate on every continent. It just isn't.

It is true that paranoids have real enemies but so does everyone else, so they are still left with being different only in their paranoia. Distrust and intolerance of somebody who is foreign is everywhere in the world. It is an unpalarable fact of humanity. The English distrust the French, the Greeks distrust the Turks, Koreans Japanese, Israelis Arabs. It is no reason for any one of them to withdraw into a

The country's first president, Chaim Weizmann, saw a future Israel not in terms of a great power with the arrogance that goes with it, but in terms of Denmark, the Netherlands or Switzerland nations small in territory but with high cultural and economic standards. It is a model Israel has yet to take to heart.

Denmark and Netherlands do not send their leaders to Washington to lecture the Congress. They do not lecture the Arabs about democracy. The United States sometimes lectures other nations but then it is a superpower, and even then it doesn't always get away with it without generating costly resentment.

Costly is a good word to remember. The first people to walk away from a self-isolating state are the

ones with the money. In a world of global trading where "confidence" is as fragile as a butterfly's wing, those who don't inspire it pay the price. This week's stock-market crash is as much about foreign policy as it is about provident funds and interest rates.

The previous government was scorned for Shimon Peres's airyfairy vision of a New Middle East. Maybe it was a long shot, but at heart it was an economic vision of a common market, not a common

Now it seems a mere vision is to be replaced by a demand, Netanyahu's, for a democratic Middle East one that shares a common democratic culture with us. Now which of the two prime ministers is the hopeless dreamer?

Any married couple can vouch for a simple truism. It is very difficult, though not impossible, to change oneself. But it is futile, counterproductive and possibly insulting, to try to change one's partner or anyone else. What we need is not any more attempts to change the Middle East, the Americans, Europeans, or all the goyim.

We don't need a new Middle East. We need a new Israel and so far there's precious little sign of this new government delivering it.

by DOSH

Of journalists and citizens

ATE in his career Fred Friendly, for decades one of the American electronic media's leading news presenters, anchormen and talk-show hosts and then a professor of journalism, said he had "decided that I am a citizen before I am a jour-

This means something much broader and deeper than the robot-like patriotism that justifies every stupidity and evil one's country might perpetrate.

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Like Friendly, I am speaking of being a journalist in a country that, in the world in which we live, is among the countries that are relatively decent and striving to be more so.

It means that as a journalist/citizen in such a country, if I learn something whose publication could jeopardize my country or help or encourage its foes or rivals, my first duty is to consider public's "right to know" and my professional obligation.

It means that if I learn something about people or institutions whose publication will serve no redeeming civic purpose, no purpose other than to sell more papers or raise ratings, while hurting those people and institutions, I will keep that information to

It means that I will strive for fairness. I say "fairness" rather than "balance," because balance perfect balance - in presenting the news, whether in the print or the electronic media, is impossible to really achieve.

Measuring balance in journalistic treatment of controversial matters, often even simple happenings in broad daylight, is not merely a matter of measuring the allotment of words in the newspaper or minutes on radio and tele-

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Other important factors are whom the editor or reporter chooses to speak to on a particular matter, the contents of questions and the tone in which they are asked; the angle from which the A VIEW FROM NOV MOSHE KOHN

TV camera photographs; what is orally or photographically included in or omitted from the background; the interviewer's accidentally or deliberately arched eyebrow or curled lip.

Fairness is easier to measure, precisely because it is a more abstract quality and more a matter of impression than of empirical measurement. Two minutes or two sentences of fairness can sometimes counter-balance - nullify - 10 minutes or 10 paragraphs of lies or distortions.

(See Hebrew University Prof. Yaron Ezrahi's treatment of this problem in the May-June issue of Ha'ayin Hashevi'it [HH], a media-review published by the Jerusalem-based Democracy Institute of which Ezrahi is a senior fellow. The editor is Uzi Benziman. Ha aretz commentator, and the editorial board consists of Yediot Aharonot and former Davar reporter and commentator Nahum Barnea; radio and TV presenter Carmit Guy; and Ma'ariv night news editor Rafi Mann.)

ON MAY i a huge advertisement appeared in Ha'aretz, Ma'ariv and Yediot Aharonot, signed by 26 intellectuals identified with both right and left, urging journalists to place your commitment to democracy and political fair play above your inclination to one side or the other," and "draw a clear line between [your] right to express [your] opinions as publicists and [your] tasks as news edi-

tors and interviewers." The above-mentioned issue of HH contains interviews with some of those 26 conducted by Avi Posen, editorial coordinator of ITV Channel 1's Weekly Newsreel.

Poet-publicist Haim Gouri, a veteran Laborite, told Posen the news media "do not always abide by the rules of fair play, are sometimes one-sided, and don't make a

clear separation between reporting and opinionation."

Haifa University philosophy lecturer Dr. Ruth Lorand, a Peres supporter, felt the Popolitika interviewers "sat before Shimon Peres like pupils before their teacher," while their interview with Binyamin Netanyahu was conducted "in marketplace

Novelist-publicist Aharon Megged, also a veteran Laborite, said: "Clearly, there is no balance in the communications media... There isn't any 'leftist mafia,' but it's a fact that most media people hold leftist views. And it shows." Tel Aviv University professor Gavriel Moked, who identifies himself as "center-left," said that

"the overwhelming center-left tendency of the media makes me uncomfortable." Novelist-educator S. Yizhar (Smilansky) thinks journalists "arrogate too much authority to themselves and sometimes behave boorishly."

EVEN SOME mediacrats sympathetic to the left on political and religious issues "admit the simple fact that the media people in Israel are leftists... voting for either Labor or Meretz" (Shelly Yahimovitch, on her Radio 2 morning talk show, It's All Talk,

on May 2). Yahimovitch is quoted in a report issued recently by the Jerusalem-based, independent Media Watch, which seeks to monitor both balance and fairness in our news media. Media Watch has been charac-

terized as right wing and paranoid because of its reports showing gross imbalance and unfairness in our electronic media's political coverage in the year and a half since its founding, tending heavi-ly in favor of the Labor-Meretz

It has also shown that there is a strong anti-feminist bias, both in the topics treated and in the choice of persons to be interviewed.

The same day Yahimovitch made her confession, Razi Barkai, presenter of Army Radio's Where's the Fire? talk show, asked Israel TV presenter Dan Shilon what he thought about the allegation that the media were treating the Likud

unfairly. Shilon, who is not known to be a rightist, replied: "...most of the media people in Israel hold views ranging from center to left, so it behooves them to be more sensitive to the need for balance and fairness to both sides."

Orit Galili of Ha'aretz told Ram Evron, presenter of ITV's No Man's Land program: "The entire press was mobilized for Peres, absolutely.

Evron asked whether she thought the news media ought "to repent." She replied: "Speaking for myself, I feel that we failed professionally. Neither I nor my colleagues made any allowance whatever for the possibility that Bibi Netanyahu would win..." Media Watch is headed by

Weizmann Institute professor Eli Pollack and directed by Yisrael Medad, who was parliamentary assistant to former Likud/Tehiya Geula Cohen and nications Minister Limor Livnat when she was only a Knesset member.

AMERICA'S 33RD president, Harry S Truman said: "I really look with commiseration over the great body of my fellow citizens who, reading newspapers, live and die in the belief that they have known something of what has been passing in the world in

The Sporting Event







When humility is out of place

famous story in the Talmud ▲ Line Second Temple in the year 70 CE not to the destructive enmity of the Roman armies but rather to the "causeless hatred" between two Jewish neighbors, as well as to the "humility" of a renowned rabbi named Zecharya ben Abkulas (B.T. Gittin 55b).

The story is simple. There was a man who had a good friend named Kamtza, and an enemy named Bar Kamtza. One day he decided to throw a great feast, but the servant sent with the invitation to Kamtza, the good friend, ended up inviting Bar Kamtza, the enemy.

Delighted to receive the invitation, he happily arrived at the party only to discover that the host wanted him out of there. His pride shaken, Bar Kamtza offered to pay his own way if he would be allowed to remain. The host wouldn't back off. Bar Kamtza kept raising the offer, from paying half the price of the feast, to paying for the entire party, just so that he wouldn't have to be publicly shamed. But the host was adamant. He would not deign to have his enemy at his table.

That Bar Kamtza desired revenge is not surprising, but instead of aiming his malice at the unforgiving host, he directed his hatred toward the rabbis who were in attendance but didn't speak up.

Most likely the rabbis' silence was understandable - but nonetheless reprehensible. It was a period of great poverty in Jewish history. If he host could afford such an extravigance, and if so many rabbis gave

up an evening of Torah study to attend, he must have not only been a very wealthy man, but a major contributor to the charitable institutions of his day. The various heads of religious institutions therefore made an economic decision not to anger their benefactor. Bar Kamtza was determined to

show those rabbis a thing or two. He went straight to Caesar with the classic complaint that the Jews were rebelling. The emperor wanted proof, so Bar Kamtza suggested that the monarch send them an offering to be sacrificed on the altar in Jerusalem. He then blemished the animal's lips, rendering it unfit by Jewish law, although fit by Roman standards. Bar Karntza believed the animal would not be offered, and the emperor would thereby be convinced that the Jews were indeed disloyal.

The rabbis had to decide what to do with the emperor's offering. They realized the danger if they rejected it, and so for the sake of the well-being of the citizenry they suggested that the offering be made anyhow. But one of the sages, Rabbi Zecharya ben Abkulas, disagreed. They will say that blemished animals are offered on the altar."

When the rabbis next suggested that they kill Bar Kamtza to prevent him from returning to the emperor, Rabbi Zecharya again spoke up. "They will say that one who blemishes a consecrated animal is

The language Rabbi Zecharya used was specific and instructional: They will say...

In the first situation, R. Zecharya was worried how the extremely religious element in the community would react to a ruling that permitted offering a blemished animal, even if the issue at hand was saving human lives. In the second situation, R. Zecharya was worried how liberals would react to killing a man because his knife "accidentally" cut the lip of the calf.

R. Yohanan has the final word, and how he summarizes events is illuminating. Instead of placing blame on the early characters in the narrative - the causeless hatred personified by the host, the initial silence of the rabbinic leadership, or the treachery of Bar Kamtza - he points his finger at R. Zecharya. Of course the behavior of Bar

Kamtza and his host are inexcusable, demonstrating all the foibles of human existence. But R. Yohanan aims at a greater target than two stubborn fools. He wants us to understand that a grave mistake was committed when R. Zecharya didn't take proper action. The tragedy could have been pre-

vented by rendering a courageous halachic decision. There was a failure in leadership. And so R. Yohanan concludes: "Because of the humility of R. Zecharya our House has been destroyed, our

Now undoubtedly R. Zecharya

want a questionable religio-legal decision to get out of his courthouse. But R. Zecharya was too worried about how the decision would affect the various political-religious factions in the community. He was not worried enough about doing what was correct in the eyes of God.

The word R. Yohanan uses to describe R. Zecharya's attitude, anivut, means "humility," which seems strange, since humility usually connotes a positive dimension. We are being told, however, that when humility prevents a religious leader from taking a necessary position as a result of his desire not to oppose other religious opinions it can be misplaced or even destruc-

There are situations, especially when the well-being of the Jewish community is at stake, when courage and not humility must be the guiding principle.

Ultimately, teaches R. Yohanan, the destruction of the Temple came about due to the lack of courage to make tough decisions. It's certainly fitting, therefore, that this week's portion also provides incontrovertible guidelines for the judges and the sages of Israel: "Do not give anyone special consideration when rendering judgment. You shall hear the great and small alike. You shall not be frightened (or impressed) by any human being, for the judgment is God's." (Deut 1:17)

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OR the most part spring is the time for wildflowers, although autumn is the appointed time for a few species. But one group can be seen even in the heart of summer: Some members of the wild carrot family are in full bloom in July and August, while others. that blossom principally in

spring, linger on. The first of these is the true wild, or garden, carrot (Daucus carrota in Latin, gezer hagina in Hebrew). This is a tall annual or biennial herbaceous plant that flourishes in fields and along roadsides. When biennial it comes up a second year from the nutrient-storing underground carrot, otherwise it sows its tiny seeds all around. This is the ancestor of the domestic carrot, and while its root is edible, it is long, thin and some-

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Both sides vulnerable

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West North East South

HE trials for the Israeli

continued this week. The

women's event is being held

among amazing scenes of confu-

sion. These scenes arise from

the fact that, for the first time,

there is a strong Israeli pair that

includes a Shabbat-observant

player. She will not play on

ACROSS

4 Hold back while others

8 Article by leading student

9 Puritan cavalryman was

not one left off side! (8)

10 Islander's radio can suffer

11 Not an expert songster? (6)

12 A game with American soldier having a written

13 In principle fellows provide

16 The polar storm of

19 Theoretical idea by a

accommodation (8)

overabundance (8)

21 Climbed like a fish (6)

from interference (8)

is a dissertation (6)

shower (8)

defence (8)

novice (8)

international bridge teams

Opening lead: ◆Q

(all pass)

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Meet the wild carrots

Its inflorescence is easily identified by the fact that the large round head is composed of a slightly dome-shaped group of floret clusters. It has a small, dark bead in the center. This species blooms from April until

The wild carrot also has another close relative, the crown flower (Artedia squamata in Latin, shafririt kashkeshanit in Hebrew) but here the florets are a saucer-like, flat plate or umbrel with a frill of larger florets around the edge, making it resemble a white lace doily. This species also has a small dark-

Shabbat, although traditionally

competitions in Israel have

This year the seven qualifying

rounds for the trials were held

on Shabbatot as usual. The

Shabbat-observant pair, as part

of a negotiated compromise

with the bridge federation,

played successfully in other

events during the year. They

were then invited to join four

other pairs in the first round of

This was appealed against by

the other players. They argued

that they worked during the

week and the best time to play

bridge was on Shabbat. They

also argued that a different set of

rules was applied to the obser-

vant pair for qualifying for the

trials. The result of the appeal

was that one-third of the ses-

sions were rescheduled back to

The first round of the trials

was held in three sessions. One

was on a Shabbat, and when the

observant pair did not play, they

were awarded a 40 percent score

from the tournament committee

for the three matches missed in

this session. After two more ses-

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

23 An example of double-talk?

24 Govern taking nothing from one of the shock

25 Greek character Russell

26 Unrivalled lady about 50

DOWN

1 They admit blame for

2 He attacks when put out by

3 Demanding silver-edged

hospital treatment (7)

a worker (9)

not to convince someone

troops (8)

else it's bull (6)

the trials.

Shabbat.

always been held on Shabbat.

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

It is usually through blooming by the end of May or early June but can sometimes be found in summer in well-watered fields and at the edge of gardens. It is easy to differentiate the crown flower from its relative, the ainsworthia (Ainsworthia trachicarpa in Latin, salsala matsui in Hebrew.)

The ainsworthia also blooms early, but sometimes lingers on and has a profuse inflorescence, making carpets of the white flowers in season. Here there is no block-bead center.

sions, held during the week, the observant pair placed third, 10

The rules state that the first

two pairs go into the final round,

but that the judges choose

between the third and fourth for

entry into the final round. The

judges selected the Shabbat-

observant pair. The final round

comprises these three pairs plus

another pair who received a bye

in the first round. The first of the

final sessions took place last

Shabbat; the observant pair

refused to play and again they

were awarded a 40 percent

The protest continued. On

Sunday night the first match was

canceled while a religious court

heard what was now the third

protest in three weeks by the

other four women's pairs against

the Shabbat-observant pair. The

eliminated fourth pair from the

first round appealed to a Bridge

League's religious court to reen-

ter the tournament. The court

rejected this appeal. At the con-

clusion of play on Tuesday

night, the scores were all close,

and there was still an appeal

pending by the observant pair in

7 Introspective tie found in

14 Only one person has a say in it (9)

15 Summarise study twice on

17 Locates variety of sugar found in milk (7)

18 It is foolish taking short

20 Unpleasant, interfering

22 It can only be seen at night in the double mural (5)

SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Canny, 4 Stirs, 10 Tighter, 11 Sever, 12 Affic, 13 Sterred, 15 Etc., 17 Spade, 19 Later, 22 Fest, 25 Frimsto, 27 Train, 29 Unit. 30 Imagine, 31 Alarm, 32

DOWN: 2 Aught, 3 Noticed, 5 Taste, 6 Reverte, 7 Steal, 8 Cross, 9 Pride, 14 Tell, 18 Left, 18 Painful, 20 Attract, 21 Spout, 25 Eerie, 24 Under, 28 After, 28 Alike.

DOWN

1 Lump of gold (6)

4 Effervescent (6)

Souttled (9)

2 Bird of prey (4)

holiday with us going round where in France? (7)

old women right out in the back street (6)

the hotel (7)

two points (8)

percent above the fourth pair.

MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

Three other members of the wild carrot family are found here; right now the one showing the most blossom is the toothpick (Ammi visnaga in Latin, amita kitzit in Hebrew). This is its true season and, while it closely resembles the true wild carrot, its umbrels are slightly smaller and it has no dark dot in

the end of August. The Venus comb, Scandix pecten-veneris in Latin, mastek shulamit in Hebrew), on the other hand has diffuse umbrels divided into clumps of flowerlets, and the fruit resembles a comb. hence its name.

the center. It may be seen until

The last of this small group is

the Egyptian carrot (Tordylium aegyptiacum, or darchmonit matsui in Hebrew). Here the small umbrels are separated on a stem, and each contains both large and small flowerlets and the fruit resembles coins.

The roots of all these wild carrot types are small in diameter but extremely long and, although they lack bulk, they do store nutrients, just as a carrot Some animals such as porcu-

pines dig for them and mole rats love them. All of them have special niches in folk medicine and herbalists assign very specific potencies to each of the different types. Some are said to be diuretic, some good for the nerves and one for failing eyesight. Ainsworthia is even claimed as a cure for sexual

Karpov victorious

NICK KOPALOFF NATOLY Karpov retained

his FIDE world chess Championship title against US challenger Gata Kamsky last week by drawing game 18 in the small city of Elista on the banks of the Caspian Sea.

The 80-move draw brought the match score to 10.5-7.5, giving the 45-year-old an unassailable lead in the 20-game series.

Admitting his exhaustion, and in chronic need of a long rest. Karpov may nevertheless be forced to defend his crown in a couple of months as plans are afoot for a new-style world championship tournament at the end of 1996. But this will not perturb him. "I am used to working hard and this is how I apprehend the joy of life. I must prepare for tomorrow's battles," he

explained. Karpov and Kamsky will share over \$1 million in prize money. But the challenger will not be receiving his losers' purse in full as his father and coach, Rostam. described as "a pugnacious exboxer," was fined for persistently alleging that Karpov was being secretly briefed during games from the tournament computer room.

The dry, phlegmatic Karpov is known for his ultra-scientific style on and off the chess board. But this image is not wholly deserved. Although he rarely unleashes the captivating fireworks usually associated with the likes of Fischer and Kasparov, Karpov has in fact won more "chess Oscars" - an accolade conferred by chess journalists - than any of his contemporaries.

Karpov was the only world champion in chess history to have won the title without having played a title match. This occurred when the incumbent champion, Bobby Fischer, refused to defend his title in 1975. But, defying critics who questioned his credentials, he has since stood at the forefront of world chess, never falling below third place in the world

rankings.

The following game from his world championship defense in Merano, Italy, against Victor Korchnoi is regarded by Karpov as one of his finest from that memorable match.

Korchnoi, Victor - Karpov, Merano 1981 Queens Gambit

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Be7 4.NE3 NE6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.Kcl dxc4!? This novelty move had been found in Karpov's pregame preparation; it had previously never been seriously considered by opening theorists. 8.e3 c5 9.Bxc4. An imbalance

arises after the line 9.dxc5 Oxd1+

10.Rxdl Bxc5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Bc4

9...cxd4 10.exd4 Nc6 11.0-0 Nh5!, thwarting the Korchnoi initiative by forcing the exchange of

12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.Bb3 Nf6 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.Rx 16.Ne4
14.Ne5 Bd7 15.Qe2 Re8 16.Ne4
Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Bc6 18.Nxc6
Rxc6! 19.Rc3 Qd6 20.g3 Rd8
21.Rd1 Rb6 22.Qe1. More stubborn resistance would have been achieved with 22.Rcd3 Nd5

23.Qf3! 22...Qd7! 23.Rcd3 Rd6 24.Qe4 Qe6 25.Qt4 Nd5 26.Qd2 Qb6 27.Bxd5 Rxd5 28.Rb3 Qe6 29.Qc3 Qd7 30.f4 b6 31.Rb4 b5 32.a4 bxa4 33.Qa3 a5 34.Rxa4 Qb5 35.Rd2 e5!: 36.txe5 Rxe5

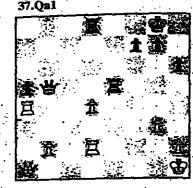


DIAGRAM 1 after White's 37th move

37...Qe8!! This auspicious retreat, threatening 38...Rel+, was a complete surprise to Korchnoi. 38.dxe5 Rxd2 39.Rxa5 Qc6 40.Ra8+ Kh7 41.Qb1+ g6 42.Qf1 Qc5+ 43.Kh1 Qd5+. The White queen is lost 0-1

IN THE following endgame composition. Black is materially ahead and looks set to triumph. But White turns the tables and forces a pretty draw. White to play and draw.

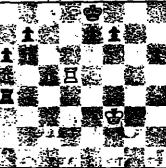


DIAGRAM 2

Solution: 1.c6! bxc6 2.Rb5!! The artistic blocking of the b file by sacrificing the rook forces the promotion of the b pawn and Black must now be on his toes to secure the draw. 2..axb5 3.b7 Rxa5 4.b8=O+

HOLY

Kd7 0.5 0.5

Should they be playing on the Sabbath?

Orthodox players, it was suggested, should 'choose between

players suggested that the observant pair choose between religion and bridge. On the other side, the observant pair claims that because religion is a basic human right, organiza-tions such as the Israeli Bridge Federation must make provisions for players to play and still observe their religion. The controversy should be resolved

but on the lead of the king of clubs, South ruffed, led a trump to the queen and cashed the queen of hearts for a discard of a diamond. These declarers lost only two-

diamonds and one heart, to make their contract. At one table West continued diamonds at trick two to her partner's king. Now East had the chance to shift to trumps but fell from grace, continuing with a third diamond. Declarer ruffed the third diamond in dummy. cashed the ace of clubs and came to her hand with a club ruff to draw trumps.

Even without signals, bridge logic suggests a trump shift by West at trick two. West's length in clubs, combined with South's preempt, makes it very likely that South is short in clubs, and removing dummy's trump card appears to be the best tactic. Yet, under the pressure of trials competition, no one found the play. Perhaps, like rules of contest, it is easier on paper than at

Keep an eye on your iris

INEZ KLIMIST

THOSE tall, bearded irises were really lovely this past spring. But now what? The leaves are all ragged and yellowing, and it's time to do something about them

Rule number one is to cut. Do not tear. If you try to tear away the old leaves, you may injure the rhizome, allowing fungus and bugs to invade. The entire plant may be infected, and that will be the end of

begins. Just keep them watered lightly, do not let them soak. Soaking is the worst enemy for your iris. Make sure they have good drainage so there will be no chance of rot setting in. But what if your iris didn't do so well last spring? Maybe the flowers were much smaller than usual, or perhaps there just were not as

many flowers as in past years. There are some things which you can do to remedy the problem, and the time to do these things is now. Give them time to put down strong roots before autumn.

If the corms have been in the ground for three or four years and are beginning to get crowded, it is necessary to dig them up and divide them. First of all, cut the leaves back. Then use a digging fork and lift the corms carefully - don't scratch the skin or leave cuts and wounds. As long as you have all the rhizomes out, turn over the entire bed. Remove old roots, weeds, and debris and break up heavy.

Using a sharp knife, cut apart the rhizome. Separate out the new side shoots, leaving each with a few leaves. Throw out the old center portion, as well as any part of a rhizome which shows signs of softness, rot, disease, or insect invasion. Don't put spoiled plant material into the compost pile. The garbage can is the place for that. Then replant the strong young rhizomes with the top just below the soil. If you plant them all facing the same direction, they will fill the empty spaces in between, as they grow.

for all the plants which you do not need, and make the neighborhood

Because earthworms refine soil size in the casting process, an earthworm-rich garden creates better soil texture as well as adding nutrients. The fine texture of castings makes them an excellent medium for plant growth, and is often used to improve potting soil. Earthworms do make a substantial contribution - they can produce as

Use a sharp scissors or secateur and cut across all the leaves and stems at about 10cm. A light dressing of compost will be appreciated by your plants. Do not add fertilizer until the colder weather

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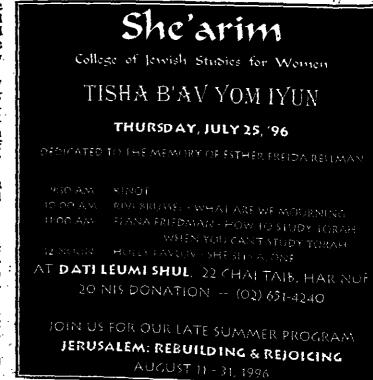
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protest of four deals played on Sunday night that were not

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was the queen of diamonds, which held the trick. Most Easts played the deuce to signal for a shift to clubs. They were hoping for one heart trick, two diamonds and one club. But when West shifted to a club at trick two, declarer was able to win the ace and lead the king of hearts. East could win the ace,

Calgary dreams of year-round tourist stampede

Western Canada's greatest skyscrapers are ... the Rockies, Sam Orbaum writes

OMEWHERE in the midst of all that wheat, oil and cat-tle, those mountains, lakes and trees, is a city seeking within itself a tourist industry. Like everywhere else on earth outside of North Korea, Calgary is trying for a share of the zillion dollars humanity spends annually on

Calgary, though, is a tough sell. It's not a natural wonderland; it's not steeped in history; it's not going to draw pilgrims, sun-worshippers and culture-vultures, it's far away and detached from the beaten track.

If you could go anywhere on earth, why Calgary?
Air Canada and the Canadian

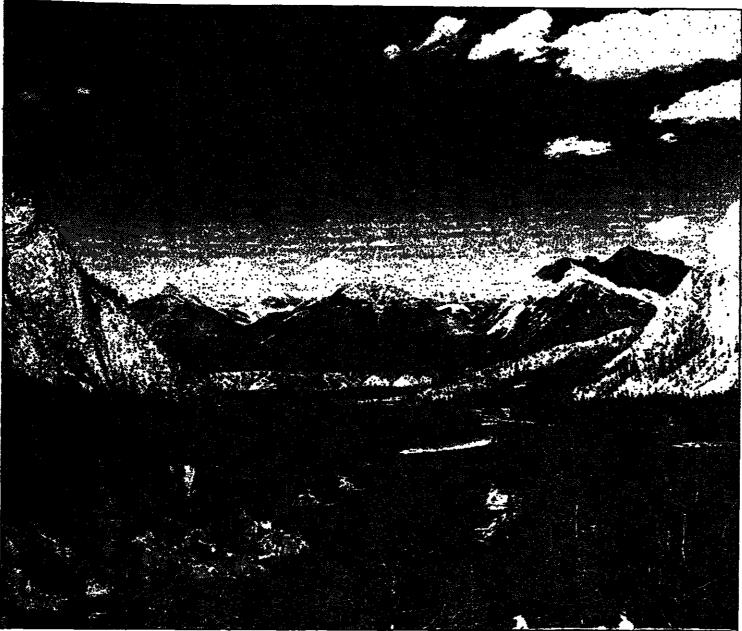
Embassy in Tel Aviv invited seven Israeli-journalists to answer that

They showed us a handsome modern city of 750,000, wealthy and growing, a corporate megacenter, safe, friendly, clean, quiet. Truly a great place to live. The shopping is good, and with the Canadian buck in the doldrums, very, very cheap.

The best the city has to offer is a rip-roarin' non-stop carnival called the Calgary Stampede. If you hanker for the Wild West the real thing, not the simulated stuff of Disneyesque theme parks - Calgary is the place to be for a 10-day period in July.

A saucy spirit engulfs the city, as it has yearly since the first Stampede in 1912. You can sit and schmooze with the world's greatest cowboys, who'll then excuse themselves to go rassle a bull or saddle a bronc.

Calgary becomes tourist heaven with what they call "the greatest outdoor show on Earth": rodeos, stage shows, chuckwagon races,



The Banff Springs Hotel, one of Canada's greatest attractions, enjoys a spectacular view of the Rockies.

clowns, parades, a casino, dog shows, you name it. Yeece-ha!

For the other 355 days of the year, you can still get a taste of the West. The Glenbow Museum, with its rich selection of Canadiana, is superlative; Heritage Park is good family fun, a historical village that harks back to pre-1915 pioneering days; and you can arrange a tour of an

Indian reservation. Hal Eagletail, representative of the

Government of the Sarcee Nation" (all of 900 souls), will show you around and answer even the most inane questions with dignity and insight.

The reservation is not a theme park: don't expect tepees and warpainted chiefs shooting arrows at Mounties. Instead, it's an unusual

exploration of the natives' astounding modern success story. For a woolly experience we don't yet have in Israel, take in an unusual dinner-and-show combo

at the downtown Eau Claire Market. It's probably better to eat afterward - especially if you experiment with such delicacies as alligator stew or buffalo steak because the entertainment can

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turn your stomach upside down. The show, IMAX Theater, is cin-

ema like you've never imagined. The screen is six stories high and about as wide, and the film completely assaults your senses.

When that little airplane flies over sheer Andes cliffs, you sort of lose bodily control a bit. In fact, at the beginning of the

through Ben-Gurion Airport

might have noticed the recently installed Aero-Cash

machines, operated by Inflight

Financial Services, Located

alongside the boarding gates, the

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country. (The company says this service now includes Jordanian

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'Who the hell is Air Canada?'

DOING some research for this newspaper some years ago, I came across an odd ad published in the Post in the early 1970s, it read, in its entirety: "Air Canada? Who the hell is Air Canada?" Israelis are only now beginning to find out

Perhaps fed up with indifferent and sometimes downright abrasive 'service" of an airline that shall remain nameless, travelers on the Canada routes are sampling The Big Maple Leaf In The Sky, which began connecting with Israel in June 1995.

There is a noticeable difference, as Air Canada seems to have finetuned what is best termed "professional friendliness."

The airline flies nonstop Tel Aviv-Toronto four times a week, with

plans to add more flights at a later date. (Direct flights to Montreal are available only via El Ai.)

An Air Canada official told us that, to their surprise, its burgeoning business is not just Israelis traveling to Canada and vice versa: many Americans find it convenient to use Toronto as a transfer

audience that "if during the film you feel out of sorts, just close your eyes for a few seconds."

THE BEST that Calgary has to offer is its backyard, which just happens to be filled with Rocky Mountains. An hour away is paradise for the outdoorsy type.

You can do it all here: trail-riding, white-water rafting, camping or hiking among unspoilt mountains and meadows, fishing, golf, plus, of course, the full gamut of winter sports.

You'll probably see more elk, deer and bighorn sheep than people, though you'll want to avoid the mountain lions and grizzlies. (Andre, our ever-grinning guide, assured me that he'd never yet lost a tourist to an animal.)

And if, somewhere in the middle of nowhere, you come across a snowman that looks suspiciously Israeli, you'll know we were there first!

What is civilized is tastefully unobtrusive. There are new resorts such as Boundary Ranch in a region called Kananaskis Country, which has a remarkable range of activities.

I mean, if you get tired of alpine hiking and helicopter sightseeing, you can pitch horseshoes, enter a log-sawing contest, join a gunfight or be on a bus that's held up by those nasty "Boundary Bad Bunch" who, if you're lucky, will

snatch you away and ride you off into the sunset. Sounds like fun if you've never done it for real.

ONE FINAL word: Banff,

This has got to be one of the most spectacular towns in the world. Nestled among the soaring Rockies, it somehow manages to host millions of visitors without being a tacky tourist trap. Even the main drag is quaint and charming, and a feeling of conviviality pervades.

According to our guide Andre, the town fathers (and, for all I know, mothers) are most punctilious about preserving Banff's dignity and will not allow, for example, shops to hawk trashy shmonices. If there was a McDonald's I didn't notice: its golden arches certainly don't rise

up against the red-rock backdrop. Guests at the Banff Springs Hotel don't have to go far to see one of Canada's greatest attractions - the hotel itself.

A sprawling, majestic Victorian palace, the legendary hotel will show you around even if you're not staying in one of its 815 rooms. There are some 50 shops, a European-style spa, an Old World ambience and one of the world's most scenic golf courses.

Next time I come here, I'm going to stay three weeks in the hotel - though I'll definitely make

On the porder of history

HAIM SHAPIRO

F you visit Gesher, you will probably see the old power sta-Lion, which straddles the River Jordan. You may also get a histo-

Located east of Highway 90, about 15km, north of Beit She'an, Old Gesher is the original site of Kibbutz Gesher, destroyed in the War of Independence. The present kibbutz stands on the hillside, on the other side of the road. Little remains of the original kibbutz, other than the shelter in which the residents took refitge and which now houses an exhibit on those days, and the old dining hall, which has been reconstructed and which now houses an audio-visual program (available in Hebrew and English).

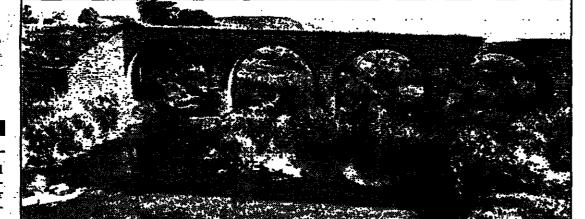
This program gives the visitor some idea of the rich history of a spot which served as a natural crossing point of the Jordan from time immemorial. Using a wide range of visual and sound effects and some rare old film clips, the show concentrates on the modern history of the site, both as a rail crossing in Turkish times, and as a Jewish settlement before and during the War of Independence. A key figure in this history is Pinhas Rutenberg, who established the country's first electric power station on the Jordan, just north of

After the show, you can walk outside and see it all before your eyes. There is the Roman bridge, rebuilt by the Crusaders and the Mamehilies the Turkish bridge, built for the Hejaz Railway line (which a extended from Constantingle to Mecca); and the third contrate bridge, built by the British We fee and from Beit British, for the road from Beit

She'an 46 Tiberias, which then went through Transjordan.
All that bridges were blown up by the defluders of Gesher during by the delinders of Gesher during the Was of independence, in order to block the attacking Arab forces, but you can see their remains, as well as a small fourth bridge laid down secently by the IDF Engineering Corps. That bridge was usually install and Jordanian officials who met for secret talks preceding the 1994 peace treaty between the two countries.

ologists to uncover the remains of a medieval rest house, in which many of the arched side rooms are

station. The geological configura-tion, of the Jordan's riverbed



A Roman-style bridge is one of the attractions at Gesher, near Beit Shean.

able for the dam. This was in Transjordan, and the power station and its workers constituted a small Jewish enclave there. In fact the power station was used before the War of Independence as a meeting place between Transjordan's King Abdullah and

the Zionist leaders. Groups who visit the site today have the chance to make a quick visit to Jordan. Before the peace treaty was signed, Gesher and its neighbor Ashdot Ya'acov farmed lands on an island formed by the Jordan, the Yarmuk, and a canal which served the power station, territory which actually belonged

to Jordan. According to the peace treaty, the land was returned to Jordan, which leased the land to the two kibbutzim, giving them and their guests the right to visit it. At Gesher, there are no provisions for individual tourists, but groups can pass a border sign and a roadblock operated by a Jordanian soldier. Then, on a small hill just below a Jordanian military outpost and watchtower, visitors can enjoy a panoramic view of both coun-

tries, on both sides of the river. The Old Gesher site is open on weekdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Fridays it is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission

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Shimon Peres appeared when the

affair was well under way. Many

of the Israelis rushed to shake

hands with Peres and to assure

him (for what it was worth), that

BECAUSE SHE spends the sam-

mer at her second home in

Geneva, Honorary World WIZO

President Raya Jaglom, who is a

familiar figure at diplomatic

events, did not partake of the French ambassador's hospitality.

But she will have occasion to

make up for the omission soon

after her return to Israel in

'October. During her absence the

:ambassador sent her a letter

informing her of the decision of

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GREER FAY CASHMAN

T WAS entirely appropriate that on the very day that ▲Binyamin Netanyahu was making his first prime ministerial visit to Egypt, Anoud Rifai, wife of the Jordanian ambassador, should be making her first visit to Jerusalem, Reuma Weizman told her guest at Beit Hanassi yesterday. Also in attendance was Jane Biran, whose husband Yoav heads the Jordan desk at the Foreign Ministry. Anoud Rifai has not yet settled here, and is commuting between Jordan and Israel to be near her sons Faisal, eight, and Abdullah, four, whose Arabic education is important to their parents. The boys may enroll in school here next year.

THEIR CURRICULA vitae have several similarities. Both are models, TV program hosts and thespians, and both starred in the premier commercial shown on Channel 2. In the memorable Castro clip, Lior Cohen was an unshaven flasher, and Yael Abcassis was the slightly amused, unshockable young woman who flashed back, then walked right on by. In point of fact, the two walked right into each other's lives, and a warm friendship soon developed into a hot romance which will take its natural course under the huppa later this year. Last Friday, the couple registered with the Tel Aviv Rabbinate.

IN A personal protest against what they termed religious coercion, outspoken feminist author and journalist Irit Linor and Channel l's military correspondent Alon Ben-David were married this week in a civil ceremony in

ANOTHER CELEBRITY union making increasing headlines as the August 4 nuptials draw near is that of rock star Aviv Geffen and his live-in soul mate Nana Berkowitz. The hyped-up matrimonial happening which will be



Reuma Weizman (right) and Anoud Rifai, wife of the Jordanian ambassador, enjoy each other's company yesterday at Beit Hanassi.

officiated by Conservative rabbi Gil Nativ at the Tel Aviv beachfront, will be the third wedding in the Dayan family in a two-month period. Labor MK Yael Dayan and her brother filmmaker Assi Dayan, second cousins to the groom, are each parents of newly-

SCHEDULED TO wind up his tour of duty at the end of this month, South African Ambassador Malcolm Fergusson will stay on a little longer to oversee the upcoming state visit by South African President Nelson Mandela.

CAESAREA SOCIALITE Sara Baruchin was one of the early arrivals at the 14th of July reception hosted by French Ambassador Jean-Noel de Bouillane de Lacoste and positioned herself by a tree in the garden, where she appeared to be having a reception of her own. Strikingly clad in an Oscar de la Renta lace dress and a Chanel hat, she was impossible to miss, and all her friends and acquaintances made an immediate beeline in her direction.

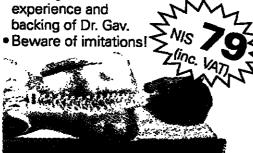
SPECULATION continued to mount at the Bastille Day reception that the event was being boycotted by both the government and the opposition in response to the cooling-off in relations between France and Israel. Government ministers were either absent or late because they were at the airport to officially welcome home the prime minister. However a Foreign Ministry delegation led by Director-General Eitan Bentsur and protocol chief Miryam Shomrat was in evidence as were Shomrat's immedi-

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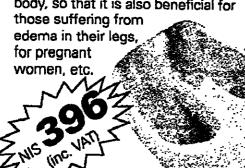
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English. The author's response was that she was looking for a good translator. The upshot was that Marks may find herself busier this summer than she had originally anticipated.

Hebrew writers such as Ya'acov

Shabtai to the attention of

English readers, asked Feigin-Reich if her book was available in

THOUGH POLITICAL leaders are reluctant to step out of office, Ruth Borman, who four years ago accepted the invitation of Ilan honorary president Tamar Kollek to become the founding chairper-son of the Jerusalem Friends of Ilan (the Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children), had no problem in relinquishing her role. At a farewell reception which Ilan Jerusalem held in her honor, Borman, who during her period of tenure raised over NIS 1 million for Ilan Jerusalem, said she was a firm believer that in order to keep the system fresh and vital, one had to have a changing of the

FORMER LIKUD MK Assad Assad, who was a member of Netanyahu's entourage to the US, is the premier's new adviser on minorities and political affairs. Reportedly offered the ambassadorship to either Jordan or Egypt, Assad declined, saying he would rather take care of the needs of his own Druse community. In his new capacity, he will also advise the prime minister on matters related to Syria and

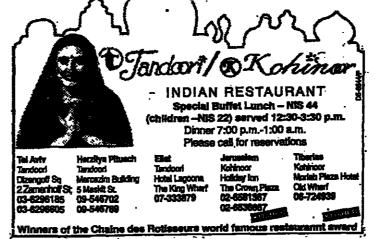
THAT LEAVES Egypt and possi-bly Jordan up for grabs. There has been general confusion as to whether Labor-appointed Shimon Shamir will continue as ambassador to Jordan. Shamir has been traveling between Jordan and Israel with increasing frequency. Whether this is an attempt to assure his place on the diplomatic scene or whether he is job-hunting in academia is anyone's guess. Zvi Mazel, currently head of the Africa desk at the Foreign Ministry, and considered some months ago to be the leading candidate for ambassador to Egypt, may face competition from new

BUDGET BATTLES notwith-

standing, Finance Minister Dan Meridor, like the rest of his fam-WINDOWS OF opportunity often ily, remains a culture vulture, with open when least expected. Actress the Israel Museum as one of his Aviva Marks was on her way to pet interests. On assuming his role in the government, Meridor had to resign from the chairmanship of the museum's board of directors her to change direction and accompany her to the Israel and was replaced by businessman and art collector Dov Gottesman. Writers' Union where Haifa-born, But the museum remains close to nis heart, and he launching her mystery thriller Liora and son Matan were observed touring the exhibition of They Played with Trains. Marks, who works as a translator when masterpieces from Imperial

she's not on stage and has brought

BRITISH CITIZENS British Citizens who have been resident in the United Kingdom within the last 20 years may be eligible to vote in the next general election, provided they register before 10 October (if previously resident in England, Scotland or Wales) or 15 September (for Northern Ireland). Application forms are available from the British Embassy in Tel Aviv or the British Consulate-General in Jerusalem.



The Cambridge Illustrated History of

Bar-Ilan blues

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE demonstration planned on Bar-Ilan Street for this Saturday is on.

No, not by Meretz and Labor (though they'll be there too), but by haredi leaders, who are planning to bring 50,000 people to the street and enliven an otherwise dull Shabbat afternoon by tossing debris and diapers at the police.

The demo, which was first off, then on again, is being organized by the haredi tribunal in protest at the High Court raling putting off the decision on closing the street during Sabbath prayer times. (Did anyone raise an eyebrow that the haredi council itself was organizing and approving these demonstrations?)

The haredi tribunal intends to follow up last week's riotous outbursts with more of the same - not much of a weekend prospect for police officers.

Who was to blame? The police, of course, according to the demands rising long and shrill for the firing of their commanders. And Meretz, also of course, always to blame for the worst haredi violence. Confused? It's a very confusing place, but don't expect a religious experience on Bar-Ilan Street in the near future.

While the haredi "event" was thought to be off, Meretz and Labor announced a demonstration for 7:30 p.m. on Saturday on the street of shame to protest against it being closed any time or any

They will be joined by some of l'erusalem's northern-quarter residents, a gaggle of artists and a new group under the unlikely ban-ner of "Young People for Jerusalem Night Life."

A group of Labor activists, reportedly headed by MK Ephraim Sneh and armed with the blessing of party chairman Shimon Peres, already demonstrated separately this week in support of closing Bar-Ilan at prayer times.

This is seen as a clear Labor effort to lick up to the haredim and to disassociate itself from the ultra-secular Meretz responsible, as everyone knows with hindsight, for Labor's downfall in the

DEVELOPMENTS IN LABOR Has Labor little else to occupy its newly found idle time other than demonstrations in harediquarters?

Seems not. The idea of advancing the party's leadership showdown appears to have been shelved (or swept under the carpet with the election fallout) for the time being after spirited objections from Peres.

There was some listless speculation on whether Peres would follow the British opposition model and form a shadow cabinet.

Ehud Barak apparently was not waiting to find out. He has already taken on the burdensome mantle of shadow foreign and defense minister (or is that shadow prime minister, wondered the wits) and comments on anything and everything Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu does.

Even in the US, Netanyahn found The Shadow behind his footsteps, wrote Ben Caspit in Ma'ariv.

"When Netanyahu arrived in Washington, an article by Barak was waiting for him in the Washington Times, with lots of advice for greenhorn prime ministers. Wherever he goes, whatever he says, Netanyahu finds Barak waiting for him, picking over his statements with a little smile."

Sure enough, with the economy the sour flavor of the week, Barak was right in there, attacking the new government for an economic crisis which he attributed to "confusion, lack of direction, and internal contradictions radiated by Netanyahu."

OFF THE SACRED SOIL! Labor and Social Affairs minister Eli Yishai this week announced that he intends to deport 100,000 foreign workers in the near future when the closure on the territories is eased. Members of the Knesset's Labor

and Social Affairs Committee may have been under the illusion that Yishai is deeply concerned by the inhuman conditions these workers are subjected to by their Israeli employers.

MKs probably believed Yishai was moved by reports of the way some employers underfeed their foreign laborers, dock their pay, and sometimes even beat them as well as sending them home without paying them.

No such luck. Yishai was moved rather by the orders of Shas spiritual mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. The foreign workers must be expunged from the sacred soil of Israel because (horrified shudder!) they might form relations with Israeli women.

Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush, of United Torah Judaism, was also deeply concerned. He issued a document to the ministers in charge of bringing in foreign workers, calling for limits to their numbers because of the lurking dangers to the pure daughters of

Yishai's stand reminded some MKs of the Kach line which Shas took up during the elections, bewailing "fallen" Jewish women married to Arabs - a fate worse than death, in universal fundamentalist pariance.

Nor was Shulamit Aloni of Meretz alone in hearing an eerie echo in the propaganda of "miserable women who married Arabs" or who might "form relations with

Never slow at mincing words, Alom said the racist tone of these rulings indicated a Kulturkampf already raging here.

COME IN VEST

You won't lose your shirt. "Our economy is in excellent condition. Come and invest in Israel," Prime Minister Netanyahu told Wall Street to applause so thunderous it drowned out the resounding crash of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Netanyahu doggedly repeated the mantra "the economy's fine, it's in the right direction" on the flight home.

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In private, the tune was different. When the economy's fine, the prime minister does not summon the finance minister and central bank governor at midnight for an all-night emergency sing-song -Netanyahu's first act on his return.

Dan Meridor and his Treasury officials have their own favorite refrain. It runs: "The economy is sick, the economy is in crisis," to a background chorus of "it's all Labor's fault."

The time certainly has changed. The one they used to chant before the draconian economic measures were unveiled was, "There will be no drastic measures, the economy is doing fine, it's in a state of growth." Apart from its brief debut on Wall Street, that one has

Whatever the crooning of Netanyahu and Meridor, the stock market refused to be lulled. soothed or taken off the boil. Downward it plunged to the cries and hysteria of the damned

"Markets are about confidence." observed one laconic MK. "If this is a measure of public confidence in Netanyahu and his economic policy, things are in the toilet." Stand by for the next grand spectacle. The instant privatization of anything that moves. Or

CAMEMBERT BLUES

The French ambassador's July 14 (Bastille Day) reception on the lawns of his magnificent Jaffa residence brought out the best-known faces in Israel, including the cream of the diplomatic corps.

Among the ranks of the foreign ambassadors this year were an odd number of long faces in muttered conversations with their media contacts. The brie was off, perhaps? Or the Macon wine in the wooden barrel was feeling the heat?

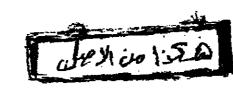
Not at all. French excellence was in order. The gloom hung over the conversations about the direction Israel's foreign relations might be headed. "Difficult" was the keyword. Lending an attentive ear was a

rather tired and depressed-looking Shimon Peres, an ardent Francophile who could not miss the event. It was hard to miss the presence of the former prime minister if somewhat more difficult to exchange some words with him. The crowd which formed around him quickly outgrew the throng in the coming and going official reception line. Perhaps if there had been more

incumbent ministers around, he might not have been in such demand. A senior diplomatic source hinted darkly of rumors of a deliberate government absence following some stinging comments from French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette on the peace process. But there was a simpler expla-

nation: a competing reception for Netanyahu at Ben-Garion Airport on his return from Washington, which had not been delayed by any unscheduled stops in Morocco.

"Bibi is a stickler for protocol," confided one Likud source. "All the officials are there."



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week's financial-market turbulence

reflected investors' judgment of

Netanyahu's diplomacy. It is an

entirely different thing when this comes from respectable business-

men, who should remember that the

Tel Aviv Exchange had been in deep

crisis for two-and-a-half years prior

to this week, pretty much in tandem

Those who forgot why the public really abandoned the TASE, got another reminder yesterday, with the

break out of the La Nationale doc-

Similarly, to suggest the markets'

woes are attributable to the price of

money - namely the central bank's

short-term interest rates - simply

holds no water. In Wall St., for

instance, after the Fed reversed, in

spring '94, a five-year-old lower-

rates policy, investors responded by

creating one of the most impressive

bull markets ever seen in the world's

Unfortunately, too many of

Israel's private-sector leaders are

still the product of an era where their

decision-making process was tied

by the umbilical chord to the whims

Ironically, now that they are final-

ly faced with a government that

shows a genuine willingness to

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Paganism, widely practised in

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ANCIENT Caesarea - where one could walk for miles hearing mainly Greek and pass by amphitheaters, hippodromes, and stadiums; where crowds gathered to watch plays, horse races, or gladiator fights - was the pagan antithesis to a less cosmopolitan Jerusalem.

The tale of two antagomistic cities echoed again this week, though in a different way, as Jerusalem's economically conservative officials locked horns in that very same Caesarea - where Israel's economic elite met for its annual conference with Tel Aviv's financial elite.

However, this time around it was the Jerusalemites - led by Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel who seemed better connected to the world, while their adversaries from the coastal plain sounded at times embarrassingly provincial.

It was strange to hear someone as savvy and successful as Teva CEO Eli Hurvitz chide Meridor for contemplating a full abolition of the capital-investment aid law, or for the latter's hailing of service industries as no less economically significant than manufacturing ones.

Much more than perplexing indeed, frightening - was the unprecedented siege which gathered around Frenkel, who was pressured by an assortment of business leaders, from Koor CEO Benny Gaon to Likud MK Silvan Shalom, to gradu-



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Panel to probe repeal of capitalinvestment aid ally lower interest rates. The fact is that, at least in the theories they espouse, Meridor, Frenkel

and Netanyahu are more up-to-date THE government is considering repealing the capital-investment It is one thing for a politician, like aid law, which encourages invest-MK Yossi Beilin, to speak economment in the country's developic gibberish and suggest that this

Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky yesterday announced the establishment of a committee to examine the longterm need and current mechanisms for the aid program.

As part of the cabinet's NIS 4.9 billion budget cut proposals, aid available to investors in the highest development priority Zone A areas will be reduced from 34 percent to 20%. However, the committee will consider an even deeper reform of the grant system, in addition to the law's very exis-

The committee will also examine the method of government involvement in the scheme and **DAVID HARRIS**

seek ways to accelerate economic growth.

In recent weeks, a clear difference of opinion has emerged between Meridor and Sharansky as to the speed and severity of the cut in the incentives program. "Ninety percent of investments that arrive in Israel need no incentives," Meridor said earlier this

Meanwhile, Sharansky recently warned against being too hasty in cutting government support for capital investment. "We want evolution, not revolution," he said yesterday.

However, officials in both camps are playing down any differences that might exist, "What happened between the finance and industry and trade ministers in the old government is certainly not happening here," Industry and Trade Ministry spokesman Dor Merom said last night. He was referring to the bitter battle between Avraham Shohat at the Treasury and Micha Harish, who was replaced by Sharansky.

Investors received grants worth 38% of their gross investment until last year, when the Peres government agreed that a reduction be made over two years, despite strong opposition from Harish. From January 1996 the aid was reduced to 34%, with a government commitment to reduce it by a further 4% at the

start of 1997. The team will be headed by the director of Bank Hapoalim's investment subsidiary Pe'ilim Yoram Gabai. Meridor and Sharansky have asked for the committee to finish its work within 60 days.

C'ttee wants interest rates lowered

MKS from both sides of the House united at a Knesset Finance Committee meeting on the state of the capital markets yesterday to demand that Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel lower inter-

The committee has frequently issued such calls, without noticeable effect on Frenkei. Yesterday, however, even some of Frenkel's traditional supporters joined the call.

retreat from their affairs, many business leaders prefer to pressure the "For years I have supported the government to lavish on them governor of the Bank of Israel when investment aid and to depreciate our he raised interest rates, because I thought he was the only one doing anything to fight inflation," said shekel, rather than to rationalize their businesses, so that those remain profitable while the people Silvan Shalom (Likud), who heads the coalition in the committee. "But now given the crisis in the capital. markets, a change in the trend is

ancient Caesarea, was once again in needed. The head of the opposition in the vogue there this week, as worcommittee, Avraham Shohat shipers of easy money all but left Frenkel to his devices in the midst of (Labor), who frequently clashed with Frenkel over interest rates dur**EVELYN GORDON**

ing his tenure as finance minister, also said an immediate drop in rates

The high rates cause a flight from the market, he said, by enabling people to get a comparable rate of return on bank savings plans, which are safer. It was largely the fact that savings plans offered a low rate of return that previously sent so many people into the market, he said.

Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) said it is unreasonable to expect Frenkel to lower interest rates while trying to achieve a single-digit inflation rate. Therefore, he said, the government should decide that this is a state of emergency, which temporarily justifies higher inflation.

"The government must make a courageous decision," he said. Alternately, he said, Frenkel should at least promise that he will lower rates if the government's budget-cutting plan is enacted. Such a promise would calm the markets, he said, even if it were fulfilled only in

six months. David Klein, head of the central bank's monetary division, detailed the government's plans to intervene in the capital markets. The Bank of Israel is currently planning a tender in which it will offer to buy up to NIS 250 million worth of bonds in each of the next two weeks, he said. However, he added, it is quite possible that it will end up buying less,

because often just the knowledge that someone is buying calms people down and makes them less eager to sell. This is what happened the last time the central bank

planned a market intervention,

about 18 months ago. Treasury officials also discussed plans for structural reform of the capital markets. According to Ravitz, one proposal the Treasury is considering is to give investors in provident funds more control over where their money is invested. Currently, such decisions are entirely at the discretion of the fund managers, within the limits imposed by

The committee also discussed Dimona Textile. Treasury and Industry and Trade Ministry representatives said it would take more than \$7 million to rehabilitate the company, which they consider too expensive to be worthwhile. Company managers said \$2.5m. to \$5m. would be enough.

Ravitz asked the owners to report back to the committee next week on the success of their efforts to find a strategic investor. The owners said they are negotiating with one, and Ravitz promised if they succeed, the committee will pressure the government to supply the necessary funds
- a position which appears to have broad support in the committee.

"But without a strategic investor, it's impossible," Ravitz said. "They'll have to appoint a receiver,

BITS AND BYTES

Aliroo receives \$650m. in investments: Dovrat Shrem, the Polaris Fund, and Mirage invested a total of \$650 million in a private placement in Aliroo, the Kfar Sava-based developer of software that encrypts information transmitted via fax and electronic mail and stores it in computer files.

Bosch and Ford to buy from Vishay: German electronics manufacturer Bosch and car manufacturer Ford have announced plans to purchase electronic components from Vishay's new Migdal Ha'emek factory, the American company's fourth Israel-based

Honda buys Sapiens software: Honda (Japan) purchased \$1 million worth of Sapiens application development tools used for building and maintaining a wide range of business applications on IBM mainframe computers.

Intel seeks engineers: Intel, which is to open a plant in Kiryat Gat in 1997, has requested that academicians from the universities and colleges for the sciences and advanced technologies assist in its

Mondex enters Israel's 'electronic-purse' fray: Mondex International, a British company that produces the technology for "electronic purses," and Rini Electronic Cash Systems Ltd., an Israeli company, recently announced plans to develop a smartcard for the Israeli market.

Electronic money is expected to hit the Israel scene by the end of the year, and the banks are currently considering suppliers for the cards. Company's such as Visa and Isracard are also involved in

Scorpio to be bought by US firm: US Robotics (Nasdaq) recently announced that it has entered into an agreement to acquire Scorpio Communications Ltd.

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Vcon technology used in Japan Airlines security system: Triangle Technologies, representative of the Japanese software company Nippon Systemware, recently announced that Nippon, utilizing technology from the Herzliya-based Vcon Telecommunications, won a contract to supply a remote security monitoring system to Japan Airlines.

NSW is one of Japan's leading system integrators, with sales of over \$200 million and has been one of Vcon's Japanese distributors

US trade deficit swells in May

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - The US trade deficit in goods and services jumped 13.2 percent in May to \$10.9 billion, its highest level since 1992, the US Commerce Department said vesterday.

A record \$69.8b. in exports in May was not enough to offset a record \$80.6b. in imports, the department said.

Record imports of automobiles and parts, consumer goods, industrial supplies and foods accounted for much of the May increase, the department said. Most of the increase in car and parts imports came from Canada, Mexico and Germany, the department said.

The May trade gap compared with a revised \$9.6b, gap in April and was much higher than anticipated by Wall Street economists, who were expecting an \$8.2b. deficit. The department previously reported a \$8.6b. gap in April. "It doesn't surprise me at all in the sense the US economy remained in first

four, five or six months of the year one of the strongest growing economies among industrialized nations," said Joe Quinlan, senior international economist at Dean Witter Reynolds. "That translates into strong imports. Exports are doing well."

Crude oil imports, some 243 million barrels, were the highest since

September 1994, the department said. Oil imports were valued at \$4.6b., the highest since November 1990, when crude imports totaled \$4.7b., it said. The United States typically runs huge deficits in trade of goods, which are

offset in part by surpluses in services like travel and tourism. The May goods deficit increased \$1.3b. from April to \$16.9b., the department said. The services surplus was virtually unchanged at \$6b., the depart-

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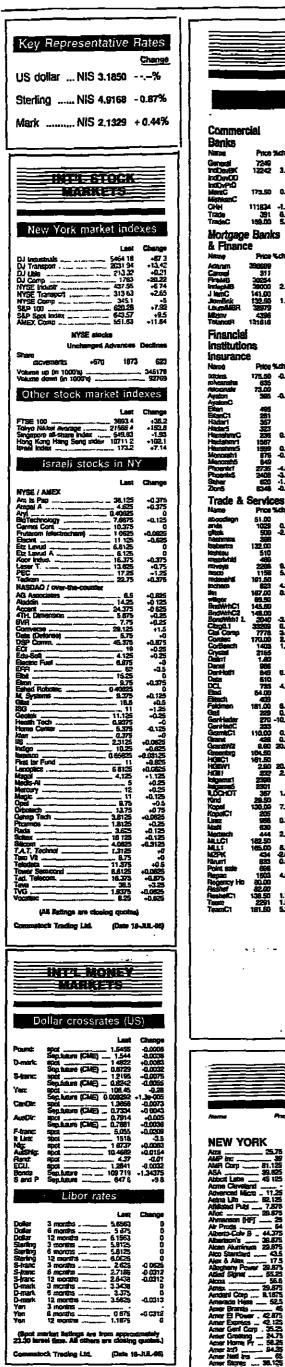
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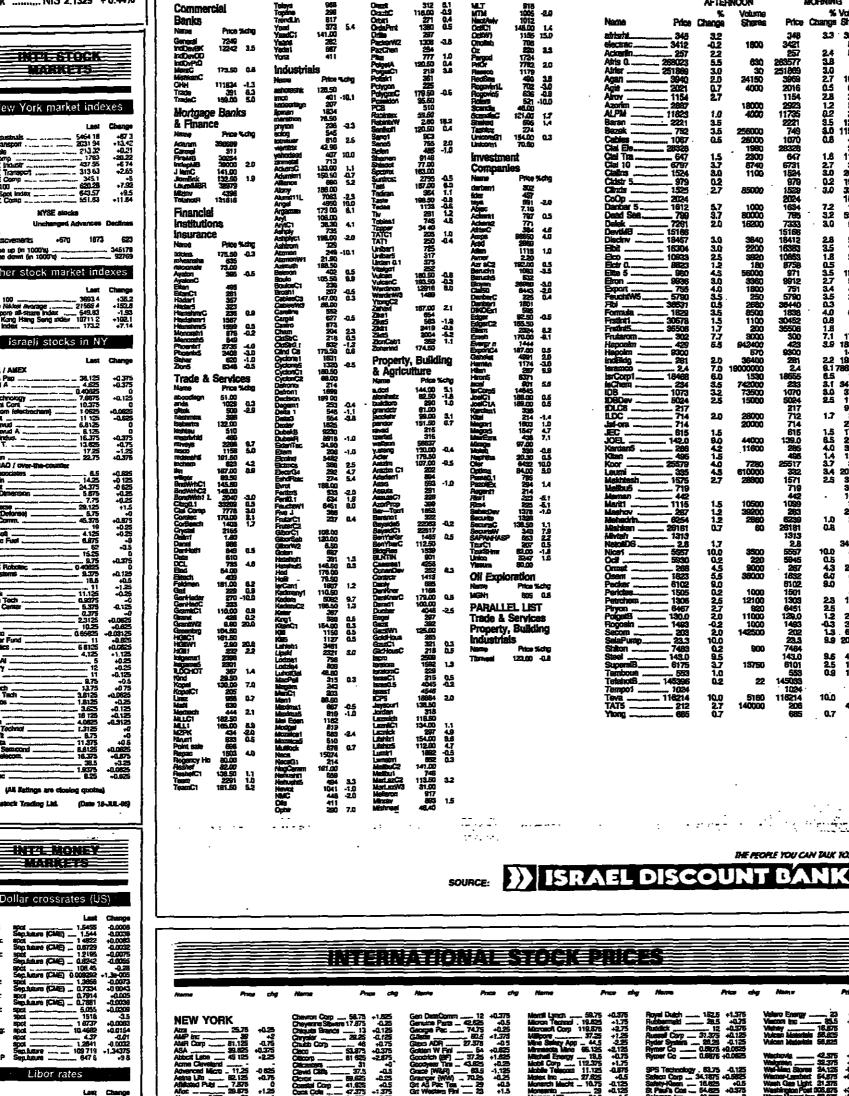
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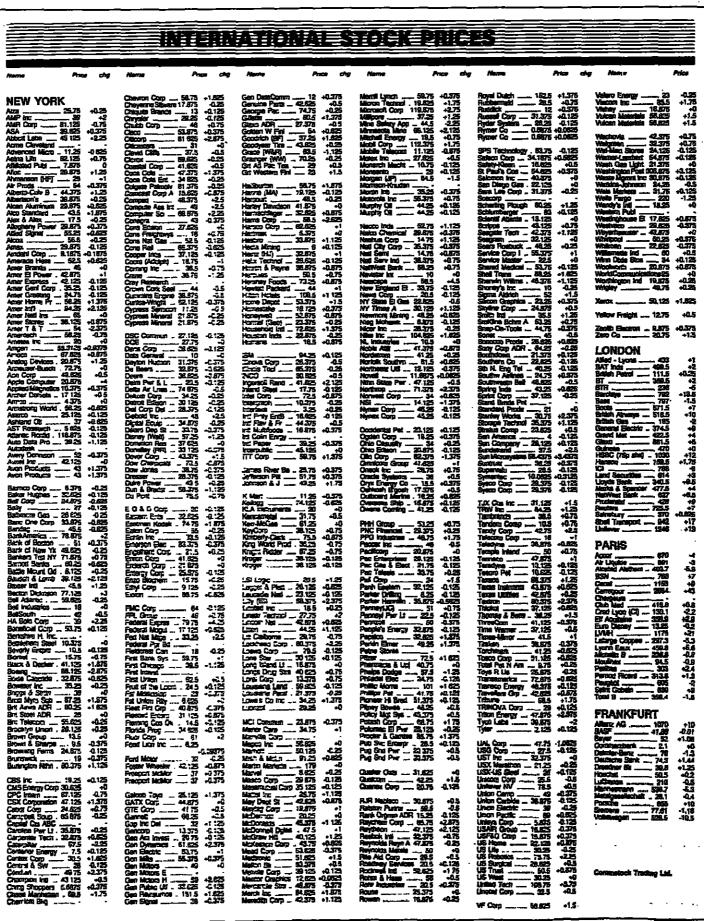
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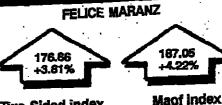


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Market rebound backed by Wall Street

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Two-Sided index

STOCKS rose for the first time in 11 sessions yesterday, led by Teva, Bank Hapoalim, and Koor.

Investors will be looking next week toward reports from the provident funds for signs of peeled on interest rates; the central bank sets policy for August on July 29.

The recovery from the 15 percent drop in the share indexes over the past two weeks was "backed up by Wall Street," the securities firm Betucha.

At the same time, "I don't think the worse is necessarily over," Keith Phillips, analyst at the Israel desk at Societe Generales Strauss Tumbull in London,

said. "There still could be some weakness next week, some more redemptions" from small investors' stakes in provident funds. The Maof Index rose 4.22% to

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187.05. The Two-Sided Index advanced 3.81% to 176.66, rebounding from its lowest point since April 1995.

For the week, the Maof shed 5.1% and the Two-Sided Index dropped 4.6%. Teva was the most active stock,

up 10%, the daily limit, on NIS 8.3 million of shares traded. Across the exchange, som

NIS 85m. of shares traded, 17% higher than the month's average of NIS 72.8m. Three shares rose for every one that declined.

Among the most prominent gainers of the day were Osem up 5.5%, Koor up 4%, and Elron up

Shares boosted by Greenspan speech

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - European bourses closed firmer yesterday as Wall Street took heart from a speech by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warning of the dangers of inflation and signaling that the next move for US interest rates may be up - but not

Markets had feared an imminent rate hike and analysts said there was relief since Green- on the US - nobody is quite sure span's comments were interpret- it's settled down yet," said one ed as indicating credit tightening would not come right away.

An early rate hike had been feared since the release of suprisingly strong US June employment data.

The Dow Jones industrial average extended its gains and bonds rallied after Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee the US central bank had become "especially vigilant" with regard to inflation and was ready to act preemptively if necessary.

The dollar appeared virtually unmoved by the remarks, weakening slightly though remaining within the day's trading range.

"It didn't change our view as it seems to be indicating a strong bias towards tightening policy," said Mark Cliffe, chief international economist at HSBC Markets in London,

Blue chip shares in London, Europe's biggest bourse, ended at their highest levels, almost one percentage point up, but dealers about the outlook for US shares

following this week's gyrations on Wall Street.

The London trading day had been marked by caution with dealers reluctant to draw premature conclusions after the sharp retrenchment of recent days, which saw the blue chip FISE its value in five trading sessions.

"Everbody is keeping an eye head of trading.

German shares ended floor trading slightly higher prior to Greenspan's remarks, with the am DAX index above the psychologically-important 2,500point level, but dealers said activity had been muted.

The Paris bourse also finished up, though off its highs, having given back some of its early gains after the Bank of France left its key interest rates unchanged.

The dollar wobbled during the day - initially dipping towards 108 year on perceptions of higher rates in Japan, then firming before again slipping in mid afternoon.

The prospect of lower German rates increased after a drop yesterday in the Ifo institute's business climate index, helping the dollar strengthen to a peak of 1.4950 marks.

It dropped back later to around 1.4890, partly depressed by a 13.2% jump in the US trade deficit in goods and services in May reported continuing anxiety to \$10.9 billion, its highest level since January 1992

Stocks rally on Wall Street

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks ral- economic growth. But the everchairman Alan Greenspan soothed investor fears about inflation.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose about 87 points. The blue-chip barometer and broader measures had given back some opening gains before jumping higher with bonds following Greenspan's economic report to Congress.

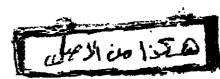
Greenspan confirmed expectations central bank policy-makers will likely nudge short-term interest rates up to counter inflationary pressures that might threaten

lied yesterday as the market con- cautions Greenspan also took tinued to steady from this week's pains to leave his options open, wild gyrations and central bank saying "inflation has remained quiescent" and predicting a slowdown that could dampen

"Greenspan's comments were really the spark that sent this market higher," said Richard E. Cripps, chief market strategist for Legg Mason of Baltimore. "[The remarks] cast doubt on the consensus that rates were going up imminently."

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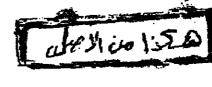
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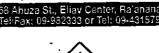
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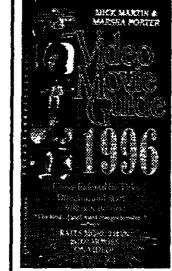
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(Continued from Page 1) student near the Damascus Gate, then murdered another prisoner while in jail, for which she received a life term. At the same time, then OC Central Command Ilan Biran declined to cut short the terms of three other women.

The Palestinian Authority charged their refusal violated the Oslo Accords and, in a show of solidarity, the other women eligible for release opted to remain in

The IDF Spokesman said OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan has not yet decided whether he will pardon the three women Biran refused to free. Should he decline to pardon them, the other women prisoners will likely continue to decline release.

The fate of the women prisoners has been one of the sore points in Israeli Palestinian relations.

Weizman said he decided to reverse himself and pardon the two prisoners several months ago. but waited with the armouncement until after the election.

The Israelis whose sentences were reduced are Nir Efroni, Danny Eisman. Alan Goodman, and Nahshon Walls

Efroni whose sentence was reduced from life to 22 years, was convicted eight years ago of killing an Arab gas station attendant as revenge for the terror murder of Hadas Kedmi, of Jerusalem. She was killed 12 years ago, but it took the police four years to solve the revenge killing.

Eisman, whose sentence was reduced from life to 17 years and six months, was convicted of murdering an Arab taxi driver 11 years ago.

Goodman, whose life sentence had previously been reduced to 31 years and has now been lowered to 24 years, was convicted of murdering a guard at the Aksa Mosque and wounding several others at the site 14 years ago.

Walls, whose sentence was reduced from life to 15 years, was convicted of murdering an Arab woman when he opened fire on an Arab car five years ago. (Itim)

CRASH

(Continued from Page 1) Pennsylvania high school French

Last night, TWA began releasing the names of the victims. The crew's pilots, Capt. Steve Snyder, of Connecticut, and co-pilot Capt. Ralph Kevorkian, of California, had worked for TWA since the mid-1960s and were veteran 747 pilots.

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The Athens-to-New York flight had gone normally, flight engineer Albert J. Mundo said.

In Paris after the crash, the large black arrival board at Charles de Gaulle Airport listed Flight 800 as "canceled."

Mike Kelly, a TWA vice president, noted that the Federal Aviation Administration had been placed on an increased level of security because of the Olympics, which begin today in Atlanta, but said there had been no specific threats against TWA.

Oliver Reveil, a former FBI official, noted that such a jet had never been destroyed in the air by an explosion that was not sabotage.

ISRAELI

(Continued from Page 1) At Ben-Gurion Airport, passen gers on TWA's New York-Tel Aviv Flight No. 884 landed yesterday evening, after their plane had been delayed for five hours at JFK Airport following the explosion. They arrived only with hand luggage, and their suitcases are to arrive tomorrosy.

According to the passengers, uthey were already on the runway waiting to take off, when a stewardess began searching for a passenger named Ahmed who had checked in his bag but was not on the flight. A bomb was suspected the passengers and lng. gage were taken off the plane.

Upon arriving here, many of the passengers complained about the security measures taken on the flight and said they would not fly TWA again. They noted that 10 to 20 passengers decided not to take the flight.

Meanwhile, air travelers are

expected to temporarily flock to

El Al. We know from experience that whenever these is any cort of indication and a supplication of the supplicat Al, but it is usually just for a few weeks," said Danny Chrost, director of the Travel Agents Association. Chrost added, however, that he

had spoken to TWA officials in Israel and they said passengers and cargo shippers were remaining loyal to the company.

Groups blast Eitan's bid to keep expanding Ben-Gurion

RESIDENTS of communities close to Ben-Gurion Airport and environmental groups yesterday condemned the decision by Environment Minister Raphael Eitan to approve the continuation of the Ben-Gurion 2000 development project.

Eitan's predecessor. Yossi Sarid. had ordered more environmental evaluations and had favored developing Nevatim Airport in the South instead.

Representatives of 20 communities affected by the project, the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, and Adam, Teva, Ve'din (Israel Union for Environmental Defense) held an emergency meeting to discuss the change in policy. At a press con-

ference afterwards, the opponents of the development plans presented a joint statement, including a demand to urgently meet with Eitan, Interior Minister Eli Suissa, Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, and Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi.

They also warned they would take to the streets and use every legal method possible to protest the project, if the developers ignore the official evaluations prepared for Sarid.

Moshe Menashe, chairman of the Lod Valley Regional Council, noted that the plans call for a bypass road which will run through Kfar Habad. "We will witness another Rehov Bar-Ilan,"

PEACE

(Continued from Page 1)

Netanyahu's next stop. "He is a direct, warm man," Netanyahu said of Mubarak on the IAF jet that returned him to Israel. "He spoke to the point. I liked that very much."

For his part, Mubarak said the prime minister sounded much different than from his recent speeches in the Knesset and in Washington last week, where he vowed to keep Jerusalem undivided and Israel's capital forever. He said he stressed to Netanyahu that he should implement the interim agreements with the Palestinians, followed by negotiations on the final status of the territories.

"I discussed these vital issues with the prime minister in an atmosphere of candor and openmindedness," Mubarak said. "No threats or ultimatums were made, because our purpose is to draw the Arabs and Israelis close together, not farther."

Aides said Mubarak and Netanyahu arrived at the meeting determined to find a common language of agreement. That, they said, was a mutual commitment to the principles of the 1991 Madrid conference, which referred to UN Security Council resolutions 242

Mubarak said he interpreted Netanyahu's allegiance to Madrid as meaning that he accepts the principle of exchanging Israeli land for Arab peace. "There's no explanation for resolutions 242 and 338 other than land for peace," he said.

Bir Netanyahu avoided such an interpretation. "We believe that the peace should be based on the idea of fulfilling existing commitments - that is, all existing treaties are made to be fulfilled. he said. "This involves the principle of reciprocity. We keep our commitments and we expect the other side to fulfill their commit-

At a news conference following his meeting, the prime minister also announced that Israel would ease the closure on the territories. said another 10,000 Palestinian laborers would be allowed to enter Israel, along with an increased number of ambu-

lances and trucks. (Story, Page 2) Regarding the IDF redeployment in Hebron. Netanyahu sounded optimistic, saying the Palestinians are responding to Israeli appeals to increase measures to battle terrorism. "I think we will find a solution [to Hebron]," he said. "I think we will find a way to solve the competing needs."

officials. For Egyptian Netanyahu's remarks were sufficient to declare the meeting a success. "Just saying you're in favor of the peace process is not enough," Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said. "But when you say 'Madrid' it is a step in the right direction. This is a step in the right direction, not the

Netanyahu arrived in Cairo welcomed by an Egyptian military band and a delegation headed by Prime Minister Kamal Ganzouri. The prime minister placed wreaths at the tombs of the unknown soldier and president Anwar Sadat

In contrast, Egyptian newspapers were withering in their criticism of Netanyahu. One opposition newspaper, A-Doustour, pub-lished a front page headline in Hebrew that read "Netanyahu, we

don't want you in Cairo!"
"Blif even as the prime minister entered the presidential palace, Mubarak's aides signaled that the discussion was not expected to break down in recriminations. "What we are up to is not a war of words, but something much more ' information Service chief Nabil Osman said. "We are perceiving Netanyahu with open minds and hearts.'

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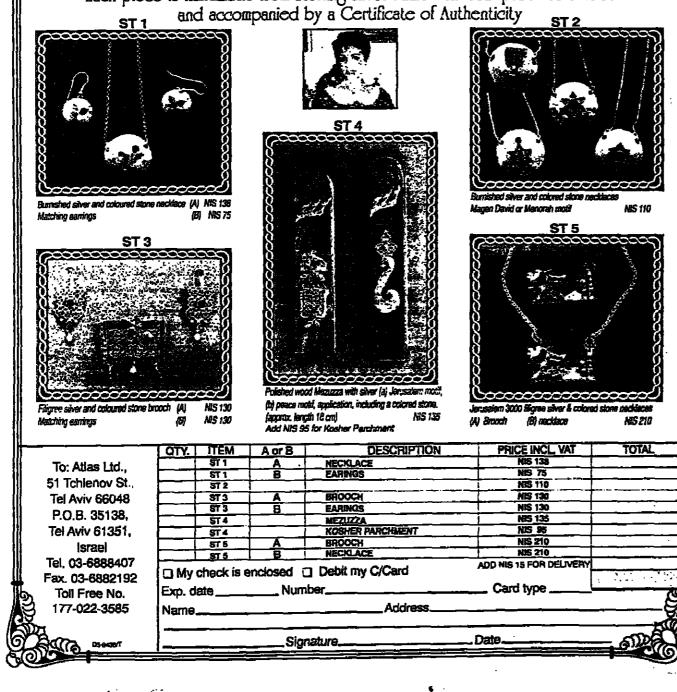


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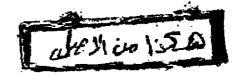
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TODAY - Opening Ceremony TOMORROW Vadim Alexsev

Men's swimming, 100 meters breastroke, heats Men's swimming, 100 meters breastroke, B final Men's swimming, 100 meters breastroke, A final Gocha Chichiashvili

Wrestling, Greco-Roman style, 82-kg. First round Wrestling, Greco-Roman style, 82-kg. Rounds two and three

Alex Tripolski Shooting, Men's air pistol, 10 meters, 60 rounds Shooting, Men's air pistol, 10 meters, final Vacislav Neiman

Boxing, 51-, 57-, 60-kg. First round Setting of time and date for subsequent rounds SUNDAY, JULY 21 Gocha Chichlashvill

Wrestling, Greco-Roman style, 82-kg. Rounds 4, 5 and 6 Wrestling, Greco-Roman style, 82-kg. finals Vacislav Nelman

Boxing, 51-, 57-, 60-kg. First round Setting of time and date for subsequent rounds MONDAY, JULY 22

Lydia Hatoel Zuckerman, Lilach Pariski, Ira Slivotsky, Ayelet Ohayon Women's fencing, individual foil preliminaries

Women's fencing, individual foil finals Guy Starick, Boris Polak Shooting, Men's air rifle, 10 meters, 60 rounds Shooting, Men's air rifle, 10 meters, final Yoav Bruck

Men's swimming, 100 meters freestyle, heats Men's swimming, 100 meters freestyle, B final Men's swimming, 100 meters freestyle, A final Gal Friedman

Windsurfing, first and second races Vacislav Neiman

Boxing, 51-, 57-, 60-kg. First round 11:00 Setting of time and date for subsequent rounds TUESDAY, JULY 23

Alex Tripolski Shooting, Men's free pistol, 50 meters, 60 rounds Shooting, Men's free pistol, 50 meters, final Yael Arad, Oren Smadja

Judo, women's 61-kg. class, men's 78-kg. class preliminaries and consolation rounds 06:00 Judo, women's 61-kg. class, men's 78-kg. semifinals and finals

Eytan Orbach Men's swimming, 100 meters backstroke, heats Men's swimming, 100 meters backstroke, B final Men's swimming, 100 meters backstroke, A final Gal Friedman

04:00 Windsurfing, third and fourth races Vacislav Neiman

Boxing, 51-, 57-, 60-kg. First round Setting of time and date for subsequent rounds WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 Vadim Alexsev

Men's swimming, 200 meters breastroke, heats Men's swimming, 200 meters breastroke, B final Men's swimming, 200 meters breastroke, A final Dan Kutler

Men's swimming, 100 meters butterfly, heats Men's swimming, 100 meters butterfly, B final Men's swimming, 100 meters butterfly, A final Gal Friedman

Windsurling, lifth and sixth races Vacislav Neiman Boxing, 51-, 57-, 60-kg. First round Setting of time and date for subsequent rounds THURSDAY, JULY 25

Lydia Hatoel Zuckerman, Lilach Pariski, Ira Slivotsky, Ayelet Ohayon

Women's fencing, team foil preliminaries Women's fencing, team foil finals Guy Starick, Boris Polak Shooting, Men's free rifle, 50 meters, 60 rounds prone Shooting, Men's free rifle, 50 meters, 60 rounds prone final Yoav Bruck

Men's swimming, 50 meters freestyle, heats Men's swimming, 50 meters freestyle, B final Men's swimming, 50 meters freestyle, A final

Ran Chantal and Nir Chantal; Anat Fabrikant and Men's and women's sailing, 470 class yachts, first and

FRIDAY, JULY 26 Eytan Orbach, Vadim Alexsev, Dan Kutler, Yoav Bruck Men's swimming, 4x100 meters relay medley, heats Men's swimming, 4x100 meters relay medley, final Ran Chantal and Nir Chantal; Anat Fabrikant and

Shani Kedmi Men's and women's sailing, 470 class yachts, third and fourth races

Constantin Matusevich
Track and field, men's high jump, preliminary rounds
SATURDAY, JULY 27 Guy Starick, Boris Polak

Shooting, Men's free rifle, 50 meters, three positions, Shooting, Men's free rifle, 50 meters, three positions, final

Gal Friedman Windsurfing, seventh and eighth races Men's and women's sailing, 470 class yachts, fifth and

Rogel Nahum Track and field, men's triple jump, preliminaries SUNDAY, JULY 28

Vacislav Ivanovsky Weightlifting 99-kg., Group B

Lior Carmi Women's kayaks 500 meters, 1k preliminaries Women's kayaks 500 meters, 1k consolation round THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 Ran Chantal and Nir Chantal; Anat Fabrikant and Shani Kedmi Men's and women's sailing, 470 class yachts, ninth and FRIDAY, AUGUST 2 Lior Carmi Women's kayaks 500 meters, 1k semi-finals Dani Krasnov, Constantin Simionev Track and field, men's pole vault, final Vacislav Neiman Boxing, 51-, 57-, 60-kg. semi-finals SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 Lior Carmi Women's kayaks 500 meters, 1k preliminaries Vacislav Neiman

Boxing, 51-, 57-, 60-kg. finals Closing ceremony

Weightlifting 99-kg., Group A Gal Friedman

TUESDAY, JULY 30

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Shani Kedmi

and eighth races

Windsurfing, ninth and tenth races Vacislav Neiman Boxing, 51-, 57-, 60-kg. Second round

Dani Krasnov, Constantin Simionev

Setting of time and date for subsequent rounds Constantin Matusevich

Track and field, men's pole vault, preliminaries

Ran Chantal and Nir Chantal; Anat Fabrikant and

Men's and women's sailing, 470 class yachts, seventh

06:30 Track and field, men's high jump, final

Arad won't be at the opening ceremony

THE Israeli dream of watching Yael Arad bear the national flag at tonight's opening ceremony is not

Arad, silver medalist at Barcelona, is suffering from flu and a question mark looms over her participation in the judo event on Tuesday. The virus that struck her at the beginning of the week turned more serious yesterday and forced Arad to postpone her arrival in Atlanta from her training camp in Chicago.

Passing the flag Taking Arad's place of honor to lead the delegation is 33-year-old fencer Lydia Hatoel Zuckerman, in her third and final games.

Sharing Oren's secret Judoka Oren Smadja, who was a major medal favorite until last week, is still suffering from his dimmed his Olympic chances. Although he is receiving cortisone injections and trying to ISRAELIS IN ATLANTA **HEATHER CHAIT**

conceal his secret from his opposition, the Olympic draw has him heading his group in the 78kg category with his victor from the world championships, ond group.

Injury No. 3 crutches.

Gocha's looking good tomorrow.

Separate beds The maritime team of windsurfer Gal Friedman and Olympic-470 sailors Nir and Ran Chantal, Anat Fabrikant and Shani Kedmi sat out Hurricane Bertha and are also in good shape at the venue in Savannah. Nir and Anat, an 'item' back home in Tel Aviv, have even parted ways tem-

Good hosts Women fencers Zuckerman, Ayelet Ohayon and Lilach Parisky, were the only Israelis allowed the privilege of training

porarily to heed the Olympic

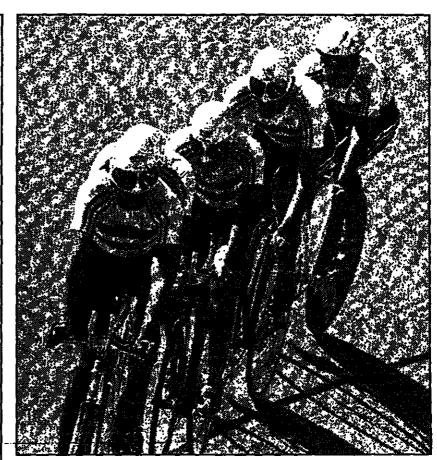
with the host American team. Congratulations, Boris: Happy Birthday to shooter Boris Polak who celebrated his 42nd year this week. Polak, the oldest Israeli athlete, found a bota gift from delegation official Efraim Zinger, also in his 42nd

Outstanding achievements by Israeli athletes at the Olympics

SILVER MEDAL Yael Arad (Judo) 1992 BRONZE MEDAL Oren Smadja (Judo) 1992 FOURTH PLACE Yoel Sela, Eldad Amir (sailing) 1988 FIFTH PLACE Eduard Weitz (weightlifting) 1976 Fifth-eighth place 1988 Ya'acov Shmuel (boxing) SIXTH PLACE Esther Shahamorov-Roth (track and field) Andrei Denisov (weightlifting) 1976 SEVENTH PLACE 1976 Rami Meron (wrestling) Eddy Koaz (judo) 1984 EIGHTH PLACE Shimshon Brockman, Eitan Friedlander (sailing) 1984 Yitzhak Yonassi (shooting) 1984 Yevgeny (Danny) Krasnov (track and field) 1992 Amit Inbar (sailing) 1992 NINTH PLACE Yoav Ra'anan (diving) 1952 Avraham Melamed (swimming) 1968 Meir Daloya (weightlifting) 1984

QUARTER-FINALS

Soccer team



Argentina's track cycling pursuit team trains for the Olympic games, which begin with the Opening Ceremony tonight.

Red Sox hold on to beat Yanks

BOSTON (AP) - The Boston Red Sox wasted a seven-run lead, then recovered and stopped John Wetteland's consecutive saves streak, beating the New York Yankees 12-11 on Jeff Fyre's ninth-inning single on

Wednesday. Boston led 9-2 in the seventh but New York tallied to take an-11-9 lead in the ninth. Wetteland (0-2) then failed to hold it, and his major league record streak of saves in 24 consecutive appearances came to an end. -

Kevin Mitchell drove in four runs for Boston, three on a basesloaded double in the fifth. Vaughn Eshelman (4-2) got the victory after getting the last two outs in the top of the ninth.
Orioles 11, Blue Jays 10

Bobby Bonilla's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the minth capped a rwo-mn-rally against Mike Timlin that lifted the host Baltimore to a comeback vic-

tory over Toronto.

The Orioles blew an early 7-3 lead and lost an 8-7 advantage in the eighth, then overcame a 10-8 deficit to beat Timlin for the second time in

It was the second ninth-inning comeback in three days for the Orioles. Timlin, the Blue Jays' closer, blew a three-run lead in the ninth on Monday when the Orioles rallied for

an 8-6 victory. Royals 3, Indians 2 Jose Offerman doubled twice and host Kansas City took advantage of a leaky Cleveland defense to beat the

Tim Beicher (8-5) allowed nine hits in eight innings. Jeff Montgomery fin-ished for his 20th save of the season and the 238th of his career, tying Dan

Ouisemberry's team record.

Orel Hershiser (9-6) gave up 10 hits, struck out four and walked three in his first complete game since June 5. 1995, and the 67th of his career. He had been 5-1 in his previous seven

Rangers 7, Angels 3
Juan Gonzalez extended his careerhigh hitting streak to 19 games with a two-tun homer and RBI double for

Japan's Koga, topping the sec-The injuries to these two stars are not the complete story. Swimming coach Leonid Shechat has a torn ankle ligament but is out of bed, now hobbling on

Still, most of the delegation are at their peak, rounding off their preparation and trying to cool their nerves and themselves. Wrestler Gocha Chichiashvili, reportedly in excellent condition and concentration while being kept perfectly isolated from media



Baltimore's Brady Anderson slides across home plate with the winning run in the ninth inning of Wednesday game at Camden Yards. Toronto's Sandy Martinez makes the late tag.

up six hits and two walks in the first three imnings, but escaped with only two runs, then settled down to notch his third straight decision.
Hill scattered 11 hits in 82/3 innings

Hill scattered 11 hits in 8% imnings before needing last-out relief help from Ed Vosberg, who balked in a run before shutting the door. Chuck Finley (9-8) lost his fourth straight.

Brewers 3, Tigers 2 (10)

Jesse Levis singled home Jose Valentin from second base within one out in the bottom of the 10th iming to move host Milwankee within one

move host Milwaukee within one. game of 500 (46-47).

Detroit's Omar Olivares and Milwaukee's Ben McDonald both

pitched nine innings, leaving with the score tied at 2-2. WEDNESDAY'S AL RESULTS: Minnesota 4, Chicago 3 Milwaukee 3, Detroit 2 (10) Kansas City 3, Cleveland 2 Boston 12, New York 11

Baltimore 11, Toronto 10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Rockies 4, Giants 3 Vinny Castilla and Eric Young had run-scoring hits in the seventh inning and the host Colorado earned its clubrecord eighth straight win.

Jeff Reed led off with a double

Wednesday and was replaced by Quinton McCracken. McCracken was sacrificed to third by Jason Bates and scored on Castilla's pinch-hit single. Young followed with a triple to left-center field, giving rookie Jamey Wright (1-0) his first major

league win. Wright, who was making his third career start, went seven innings, allowing two runs on four hits. Brace Ruffin struck out Kim Batiste with a imner on second to end the game for

his 15th save. The Giants, who were playing without five regulars in their starting lineup, have lost 20 of their last 24 games. Osvaldo Fernandez (4-11) has lost 11 of his last 12 decisions, including five in a row.

Mets 3, Phillies 2

Butch Huskey hit a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded and one out in thebottom of the ninth inning to give host New York its fourth straight win. In the ninth, pinch-hitter Chris Jones singled off Steve Frey (0-1) and was specified to exceed by I more lettered. sacrificed to second by Lance Johnson. Right fielder J.R. Phillips then dropped Jose Vizcaino's fly ball for a two-base After Bernard Gilkey was walked intentionally, Toby Borland was brought in to face Huskey. Huskey's fly ball to right was caught by Phillips, but Jones scored without a

play at the plate.

Dave Mlicki (5-4) picked up the win as Mets won for the ninth time in

WEDNESDAY'S NL RESULTS: St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 4 New York 3, Philadelphia 2 Pittsburgh at Chicago, ppd., rain Colorado 4, San Francisco 3 San Diego 5, Los Angeles 4

O'Neal inks pact with Lakers

Seven-year deal worth \$120m.

ATLANTA (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal signed a seven-year, \$120 million contract with the Los Angeles Lakers yesterday on the US Dream Team's first full day at

1968, 1976

the Olympics. Even though O'Neal refused to talk about the deal, the Lakers confirmed they had signed one of the National Basketball Association's most dominant

Just after the signing, the Lakers raised ticket prices, with cheapest seat going from \$9.50 to \$21. The rest of the increases will be

announced later, the team said. O'Neal, a free-agent after four years with the Orlando Magic, said he would discuss his status at Reebok's Olympic headquarters. His teammates on the Olympic team were already talking about the deal.

"It's kind of devastating, but it's one of those things where you have to wish him the best," said Magic guard Penny Hardaway.

"Obviously, the Lakers are much improved," David Robinson said. "I think it's great for Shaq. There are guys that haven't done a whole lot who are getting a whole

lot of money. So a guy like him, he deserves it and more power to him," Karl Malone said. O'Neal was at a Dream Team

news conference earlier yesterday, but refused to answer any questions about the signing.

an afternoon news conference at

he fell.

HENDAYE, France (Reuter) -Leader Bjarne Riis of Denmark advanced sadly closer to an expected triumph in the Tour de France yesterday just one year after young Italian Fabio Casartelli was killed in the race.

Before the start of the day's 154.5-kilometer ride from Pamplona, Spain, won by Dutchman Bart Voskamp, the best young rider of this year's Tour, German Jan Ullrich, offered a white flower to each rider of the Motorola stable. Olympic road race champion

Casartelli, who was with Motorola, was killed at the age of 25 in a crash in the descent of the Portet d'Aspet mountain pass, in the Pyrenees, on July 18 last year. On Tuesday, Tour director Jean-

Riis stays in command Marie Leblanc, accompanied by Motorola rider Frankie Andreu and officials of the American team, paid him homage by going to the white marble monument built by the side of the road where

> His widow Anna-Lisa will be in Paris where the race ends on Sunday to give his reward to the winner of the best young rider's challenge, now named after Casartelli. The riders must have had him in

mind when they progressed slowly on yesterday's stage to the port of Hendaye, on the French Basque coast, covering only 27 kms in the first hour. Today's 19th stage is a flat,

226.5 km ride to Bordeaux which could well end with a mass sprint,

Broadhurst equals course record at British Open

LYTHAM ST ANNES, England (Reuter) - England's Paul Broadhurst withstood a huge American challenge and claimed a share of the Royal Lytham record for the British Open with a six-under-par 65 yesterday. The former Ryder Cup player, one of seven men who share the British Open record of 63, added to his portfolio by matching the championship-clinching 65 recorded by Seve Ballesteros in the final round when the Open was last played at Lytham in 1988.

The array of talent two shots behind Broadhurst comprised Americans Mark O'Meara, Mark McCumber, Fred Couples, Loren Roberts, Brad Faxon, Tom Lehman and Mark Brooks, along with Hidemichi Tanaka, a 25-year-old from Hiroshima. All shot 67.

Those on 68 included Masters champion Nick Faldo of Britain, 1994 winner Nick Price of Zimbabwe and South African Emie Els.

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ISRAEL TELEVISION will broadcast 150 hours over 17 days from Atlanta and with the time difference of seven hours, the live broadcasts will begin at 10pm and continue through the night.

Edited sections of the main events will be re-broadcast daily at the following times: 7:30-8:00 am, 3:30-5:00 pm and 7:30-8:00 pm.

The transmission will begin with the opening ceremony from 3-7:00 am on Saturday, July 20.
According to ITV predictions,

athletics followed by gymnastics and swimming will form the bulk of the viewing. In addition to ITV's Meir Einstein and Uri Levy, expert analysis will be provided by Baruch Chish (swimming), Gilad Weingarten (athletics) and Ya'akov Vishnia (gymnastics). For other sports, including judo

and wrestling, the commentary will come from the studio in Jerusalem. The ITV staff of 21 will have six

hired broadcast stations at the following events: wrestling, judo, the Olympic stadium, swimming, diving and gymnastics.

For coverage of other events at the 38 venues, ITV will take feeds from the European Broadcasting Union which will offer four parallei channels.

ITV, which has the rights to broadcast the Olympic Games until 2008, has invested \$2 million in the Atlanta operation.

Security tighter in Atlanta after TWA crash

ATLANTA (Reuter) - The International Olympic Committee (IOC) cannot guarantee 100 percent security at the Atlanta Games but it will "try harder" following the TWA plane crash, Israel's IOC member Alex Gilady said yesterday.

Atlanta organizers are mounting a review of their security plan following Wednesday's crash of a TWA airliner carrying 228 people from New York to Paris. Some officials have speculated that a bomb could have caused the explosion which downed the aircraft.

There is no other event in the world that is so big, so exposed. It's enough that one man wants to make his mark but we will not cancel the Games because of this. just try harder," Gilday said.

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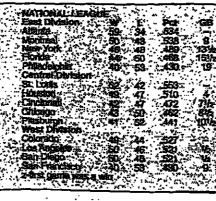
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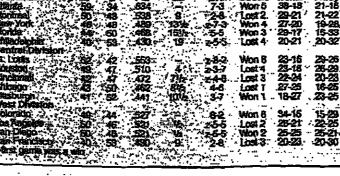
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the opposition, we have many

Speaking at a party executive

meeting. Peres warded off MK

Yossi Katz's demand that he step

down, stating that if the leadership

race were to take place now, the

party would collapse, "and there

is no gift the Likud would like-better than that."

in putting off the leadership pri-

He told Katz he has no interest

fields to cover," he said.

Ministerial panel to discuss 'Norwegian law'

THE Ministerial Committee on Legislation is to meet today to discuss the so-called Norwegian law, which would require ministers to vacate their Knesset seats.

The draft bill prepared by the Justice Ministry would also oust deputy ministers whose portfolios are held by the prime minister. In the current government, this would affect only Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush.

The only ministers not required to resign their Knesset seats be Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his four

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deputies - Rafael Eitan, David Levy, Zevulun Hammer, and Moshe Katsav - since the Basic Law: The Government requires these posts to be held by MKs.

Netanyahu has been pushing the bill, since it would enable him to give a few more plums to his battered Likud Party. Four of the 13 additional people who would enter the Knesset if the bill pass-

es, are from the Likud. The other coalition parties also support the bill. Even Porush,

who was not originally supposed to lose his Knesset seat under the law, said his party favors getting the extra seat.

"It's also an enormous burden to be responsible for a ministry and to have to appear in the Knesset," he told Israel Radio.

The Treasury, however, is reportedly unhappy over the bill, which would require the government to fork out another 13 salaries. The salaries alone would cost the state more than NIS 2.5 million a year; to this would be added benefits and eventually pensions.

Police brace for Bar-Ilan unrest Court ruling on road closure expected next week

JERUSALEM police are ready for unrest at Rehov Bar-Ilan this weekend, despite the promise of most haredi leaders that there will be no protest until after the High Court rules on the issue.

The ruling on whether to allow the road to be closed during prayer times on Shabbat is expected to be handed down next week. A protest demonstration organized by Meretz is slated for tomorrow evening. Police gave organizers a permit to bring several hundred demonstrators to the Sanhedria intersection, at the foot

of Rehov Bar-Ilan.

Tel Aviv:

Haifa:

Jerusalem:

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separate protesters and haredim. The police force is to be beefed up beginning this evening, as haredim have demonstrated at Rehov Bar-Ilan on Shabbat over the past weeks irrespective of whether there was a counter-demonstra-

"A Shabbat hasn't gone by recently in which there wasn't some unrest at Bar-llan, so we have to be ready," said a senior police officer. "We hope that the Badaız (haredi religious court) postponement of the protest that was to take place this Shabbat will

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THE Knesset House Committee will discuss on Monday Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's request that it lift the immunity of Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan. Since Eitan has already announced that he wants his immunity lifted, the discussions

Forum to discuss

Eitan's immunity

will probably be a mere formality. Ben-Yair wants to indict Eitan, former energy minister Gonen Segev, and two other Tsomet activists for violations of the Privacy Protection Law, According to the draft indictment, the four extracted confidential documents about another Tsomet activist from an IDF computer, and used these documents to pressure him into leaving the party. Evelyn Gordon

make things quieter than they could have been," the officer said. Last Saturday, over a dozen haredim were detained during rioting at the thoroughfare, which runs to Jerusalem's northern neighborhoods through a haredi

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani and MK Avraham Ravitz (UTJ) have promised to be on hand at Rehov Bar-Ilan this Shabbat, to see how the police handle the unrest. Haredi leaders have charged police with brutality, and say the extent of the unrest is exaggerat-

LABOR Party chairman Shimon MICHAL YUDELMAN

Peres announced yesterday he has no intention of postponing the election for the party leadership and is committed to the party rules, which require the contest to be held no later than next year. Peres said he is looking into the

possibility of setting up a shadow cabinet and examining, together with other party leaders, the "We should form committees for foreign and defense affairs, social issues, and information. As

> Several executive members objected to Katz's demand that Peres resign. MK Dalia Itzik said Peres must stay at least another

> Peres received a party with a huge financial deficit and low morale," she said. "It would be irresponsible of him to quit now. He must rehabilitate the party and reinstate its team spirit. If I thought he were a burden on the

> a meeting over the weekend at MK Rafi Elul's house. MK

but that is not the case."

maries, but it would be wrong to move them up, because the party must take time to calm down, heal, preserve its unity, and overcome internal disputes. "I'm staying out of a sense of responsibility, not out of passion," he

Peres will not put off

Labor leadership race

Although Peres did not say when and if he would resign his position as party leader, many executive members received the impression that he is not planning to run for the leadership again.

year to rehabilitate the party. party, I would tell him to go home,

Ephraim Oshaya, who initiated the meeting, is drumming up support to keep Peres at the party helm for two years, until after the Histadrut elections.

MK Ehud Barak reiterated his intention to run for the chairmanship when the time comes, but said until then he will defer to Peres's decision.

"The party's constitution says we must elect a chairman within the year, and within this time we must set up a preparatory committee for a party convention and a primaries committee," he said.

Barak said he doubts Peres would run against Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in the 2000

Commenting on the shadow cabinet idea, Barak said he is not in favor of allocating "portfolios" to specific shadow ministers, but supports forming a broad group which will discuss and comment on every issue.

Barak said that what the party needs now is to keep in touch with its members, rather than with the is able to beat Netanyahu in the next election," he said



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Study: **Olmert** underfunding haredim BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olment has failed to keep his promise to bring funding for haredim up to par with that of non-haredim, a study has found. Haredi leaders hope the study, carried out by a haredi advocacy group, will strengthen their demands for more city and state

The city's welfare department gives 15 times more money to non-haredim than to haredim, and its youth and sports department nine times more, according to the group, the Jewish Information Center (Manof).

The study, based on a review of the 1996 municipal budget, also shows that more than 2.5 more funding per pupil is given to non-"In the municipal elections,

Olmert was elected with the votes of the haredim, after he promised equality in funding for the haredi sector," the study states in its introduction, and then goes on to show how he allegedly did not keep the promise. The haredi population is

severely discriminated against in all aspects of budget allocation," although allocations have increased since the time of for-mer mayor Teddy Kollek, the study states. The study has already been dis-

tributed to several city councilors, and officials at City Hall, including Deputy Mayor Haim Miller (United Torah Judaism), who said the findings do not surprise him. Miller, however, put blame on the national government, not Olmert.

"Our faction has scheduled meetings with the appropriate ministers and will bring our demands before them," Miller

The municipal spokesman said the report has yet to be officially received by the city, and that many of the figures presented are

The study is based on official population figures showing that 33 percent of Jerusalem's population of about 580,000 are haredim.

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